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BEVERLEY MINSTER.

The first volume of this book, which appeared in 1898, contained the text of the Chapter Act Book, or Minute Book, of the canons of Beverley Minster from the beginning in the year 1286 down to the year 1322. This second volume completes the Chapter Act Book which extends down to 1340, with a casual will of 1347, and accompanies and illustrates it by documents taken from the contemporary Registers of the Archbishops of York, the Lansdowne charters in the British Museum, and elsewhere. Then follow extracts from and an analysis of the Provost's Book, a fifteenth-century compilation on the rights of the Provost of Beverley, now preserved in the Minster. It concludes with some documents showing the fate of the Minster and of some of its endowments at the dissolution of Colleges and Chantries in the second year of Edward VI., 1548, when the history of this famous foundation, after an existence of 615 years, was brought to an abrupt conclusion.

The foundation, early history, and constitution of this ancient college, as revealed in the documents printed, were fully treated in the first volume, and need not be further treated here. Some criticisms, however, which appeared on the first volume, and were both captious and incorrect, may here be answered in further elucidation of that history. The Provost, it was pointed out, occupied a very peculiar and exceptional position, being quite a different kind of functionary from the usual head of a college, a Dean or a Warden; and his title was said to be "a foreign title." What, says the critic, how foreign; was there not a Provost of Eton? Why, certainly there was; and earlier than that there was a Provost of Wingham, 1380, a Provost of Queen's College, Oxford, 1321; and still earlier, in 1300, a Provost of S. Elizabeth's College, Winchester. But the fact that a certain title was occasionally used in the fifteenth and later centuries, does not the less make it a foreign title when first introduced in the tenth or eleventh century and unique in England in the twelfth century. The title of Marquis was a foreign title in England in the fifteenth century, and is, *pace* the critic, still a foreign title never thoroughly acclimatised, though the Marquess of Winchester, the Marquess of Exeter, and the Marquess of Salisbury are English peers. But the critic is seemingly not aware that the title of Provost of Eton was itself almost certainly derived from a new importation direct from abroad. Eton College is, as is well known, a direct offshoot of Winchester College, and was in fact the creation of Wykehamist statesmen, Archbishop Chicheley, Bishop Beckington, and Wayneflete, Headmaster of Winchester and first Provost. The title of Provost was, for much the same reason as Cambridge was selected instead of Oxford as the University to which the sister college of King's was attached, undoubtedly selected by them for the head of S. Mary College of Eton, on purpose to distinguish it from that of Warden given to the head of S. Mary College of Winchester. Its selection was without doubt suggested by the title of the head of "the Old College," as it was called, of Winchester, in contradistinction to "the New College," as the present Winchester College, with its sister college at Oxford, was commonly called till the reign of Henry VIII. It stood next door to the New College, and long served as an adjunct to it by receiving boys to board there and attend the College School, and the site of it is now swallowed up in the Warden's garden and its stones in "Meads" wall. This was the College of S. Elizabeth of Hungary, founded in 1300 by a foreign Bishop, John of Pontissara, in honour of a foreign saint, unhonoured in England before or (probably) since, and whose head was given the foreign title of Provost, familiar enough in the land from which the Bishop came, but then unique in England except for the Provost of Beverley. In spite of imitation in the same generation at Queen's College, Oxford, 1318, and Oriel College, Oxford, 1327, even the greatness of Eton and King's could not give vogue to the title of Provost, though an early King's man, Thomas of Rotherham, adopted it for his Jesus College of

Rotherham in 1480. Dean and Warden, or in later times the colourless Master, which was the usual title in Hospitals, remained the predominant titles of English Collegiate institutions until the Reformation.

The same critic was scornful because the Precentor, Treasurer, and Chancellor were described as dignitaries or officers. The Introduction, says he,* is "vitiated from the fact that Mr. Leach appears to have been ignorant of the distinction between an 'office' and a 'dignity' in a secular chapter," and he goes on through a page to enlarge on the awfulness of the ignorance and its results; and to refer to Van Espen, D'Hencourt, "and other standard works of that class."

The simple reasons why these officers, as they are commonly called, were also described by me as dignitaries, were, first, because they were so, as they were at most cathedral or ancient collegiate churches, and secondly, because these particular officers at Beverley are specifically so described in an official document published in this volume (p. 342), when a jury of the men of Beverley in the year 1425 solemnly found that "there are in the said collegiate church,† three dignities, viz. the Precentorship, Chancellorship, and Sacristy," the Sacrist being the person elsewhere commonly, and at Beverley often, called the Treasurer. The men of Beverley and the bailiffs of the Archbishop who took the inquisition may perhaps be allowed to have known as much about the constitution of the then living collegiate church of Beverley as the critic who discourses *à priori* on the subject 400 years after its decease.

THE PROVOSTS.

It was intended in this volume to provide what Torre in his collections calls "a close catalogue" of the Provosts and canons of Beverley, so far as they could be collected, with illustrative references to their careers and doings.

With sufficient labour a very close catalogue could probably be collected. But with Mr. Matthew Arnold in his inaugural address as Professor of Poetry at Oxford, one has to ask oneself, is it *tanti*? And in plain English it does not seem worth while, so far as the canons are concerned.

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* The *Antiquary*, vol. xxxiv. 290.

† I may remark that the text contains a misprint of "collegiate" for "collegiata."

Nearly all the Provosts and most of the canons of Beverley were created by way of reward or gratuity for their civil services. From Provost Thomas à Becket, who governed all England under Henry II., and Provost John Mansel, who to a great extent ruled it under Henry III., to Provost Thomas Winter, the son of Thomas Wolsey, the prime minister temporal and spiritual of Henry VIII., there was hardly one whose career was not rather part of the history of England than of that of Beverley or its Minster. So, too, with the canons. Our friend Walter of Gloucester, who figures so often in these volumes from his appointment in 1279 (ii. 137) to the prebend, which we learn (i. 282) was that of S. Andrew, the prebendal house of which still stands at the corner of Lurk (properly Lorte) Lane, to the probate of his will on 17 Jan. 131$\frac{0}{1}$ (i. 271), and was for some years a residentiary canon, was a successful Exchequer official and lawyer, and for many years held the office of King's Escheator north of Trent.* No doubt he owed his canonry to his office; just as much as two generations later William of Wykeham, who from 24 Sept., 1361,† held, with a score of other canonries in various cathedral and collegiate churches in England, Wales, and Ireland, the prebend of S. Mary in the collegiate church of Beverley, owed his appointments to his usefulness as a man of business and paymaster for the King's castles. To collect a catalogue of all these successful King's clerks or civil servants and common and ecclesiastical lawyers, and a *précis* of their doings and appointments, such as Canon Fowler has partially accomplished for the ecclesiastical appointments of the canons of Ripon Minster, would be a task as endless as voluminous, and would perhaps not be particularly relevant as Memorials of Beverley Minster.

In the case of the Provosts down to and including those who appear in the Chapter Act Book some effort of the sort must be made, as the lists of Provosts hitherto given, and the dates assigned to them by former writers on Beverley or its Minster from the days of Simon Russell, who wrote in January, 1417 (p. 307) downwards, are in a state of great confusion. Some of the documents now printed help to clear this confusion up, Mr. W. Brown has added dates from the Archbishops' Registers, while Calendars of Patent and Close Rolls and of Papal Registers contribute information as far as they have yet gone.

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* Foss, ii. 256. It is, however, probable that Foss has confused two Walters of Gloucester; as one who was a Baron of the Exchequer was summoned to Parliament in June, 1311, six months after our Walter's death.

† Moberly's *Life of Wykeham*, p. 44.

It is hopeless to attempt to produce the names of any Provosts before the Conquest, if such there were, as is suggested in the preface to the first volume (i. xxxvii. *cf.* xxi. and note). We may therefore start with Thomas the younger, king's chaplain, nephew of Thomas the elder, first Norman Archbishop, as Provost from 1092 (p. 332, *cf.* vol. i. p. xxxviii.) till in 1108 he was elected Bishop of London, and the same year, before consecration, transferred to the archbishopric of York. He had found the Provostry a soft place, as it is recorded of him that he preferred to make profession of obedience to the rival Archbishop of Canterbury, rather than go to Rome about it, as he was so fat.

The identification of the Thurstan, who is reputed to be the second Provost, with the Archbishop of York of that name, is a mistake, unless there were two Provosts of the same name succeeding each other who have been rolled into one. The identification was probably first started by Simon Russell in the Provost's Book, in his list of Provosts, or rather lists, for he gives two (pp. 306 and 334 *seq*). Yet in that very book he has given a document which refutes the identification, namely a deed addressed by William de Roumara, Earl of Lincoln, to William Archbishop of York and the Chapters of York and Beverley concerning the manor of Benseley (Bentley ?), which having been part of the ancient property of S. John, he restored and confirmed to Provost Thurstan and his successors. The fact that the grant was made to Provost Thurstan when William was Archbishop is of itself sufficient to demonstrate that Thurstan the Provost was a different person from Thurstan the Archbishop. Archbishop Thurstan who followed Thomas junior and preceded William in the see, resigned in 1139 and died shortly after, 8 Idus Februarii, 11$\frac{39}{40}$. William who became S. William, was elected 1140, consecrated 1143, suspended by the Pope in 1146 to make room for a monk, Henry Murdac, and restored after the monk's death in 1154. This grant must have been made during his first lease of power, for Thurstan, the Provost, died according to John of Hexham* in 1152 or 1153. Poulson gives a translation of the Earl's grant,† and has a long note on it, but it never seems to have occurred to him that it upsets the identification of the Archbishop and Provost.

Indeed, Poulson made confusion worse confounded by not only following Russell in identifying the two Thurstans, and in placing Provost Thomas Normannus, the Norman, after Provost Thurstan, but by also converting Provost Thomas the Norman into an archbishop, which he never was. The famous charters of Archbishops Thurstan and William to the men of Beverley‡ ought to have saved him from both those mistakes, since Thurstan's charter is witnessed by Thomas the Provost and William's by Thurstan the Provost. But this fact Poulson concealed from himself by translating Tomas Prepositus and Turstinus Prepositus into Thomas the Reeve and Turstin de Reeve; though the fact that they sign just before certain canons should have been sufficient evidence that the persons so described were no mere lay reeves or bailiffs but ecclesiastical dignitaries; in fact, the Provosts of the Minster of which the others were canons. In Archbishop Thurstan's charter Thomas Provost is followed by Thurstan Archdeacon, and he is no doubt the Archdeacon of Richmond of that name given in Le Neve's *Fasti* as Archdeacon from 1130 to 1146 and was our Provost. These two charters are of course conclusive that Provost Thomas preceded and did not follow Provost Thurstan. So Thurstan was not the second Provost but the third.

Thomas the Norman therefore succeeded Thomas the younger, Archbishop of York, as the second Provost, and held until at least 1132, when he was present at the foundation of Rievaulx Abbey,* while Thurstan the Archbishop was Archbishop in 1114, and, after following the Pope about France, succeeded in getting consecrated, without yielding to Canterbury, in 1118. According to Simon Russell, Thomas the Norman's sole distinction was that he granted away many of the possessions of the Provostry to be held in fee by hereditary right of the Provost, which before had been direct possessions of the church. He obtained, however, from Pope Honorius II., who reigned from 1124 to 1130, the bull given in the Provost's Book (p. 332) "made by the intervention of our venerable brother Turstin, Archbishop of York;"—a confirmation of the right of the church to its often contested "thraves," its money and other ecclesiastical benefices in the East Riding.

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* Surtees Society, vol. xliv. p. 166.

† *Beverlac*, p. 527.

‡ *Beverley Town Documents*, 132-3, edited by A. F. Leach, Selden Society, vol. xiv. Cf. Rymer's *Fœdera*, i. 10; Poulson, p. 51.

Provost Thurstan, the third Provost, did not become Provost till Archbishop Thurstan had been Archbishop for 18 years at least, and the Provost survived the Archbishop by at least a dozen years.

It seems probable that Robert, the fourth Provost, as given by Simon Russell and his followers, and set down as "in the times partly of King Henry I. and partly of King Stephen, and partly of Archbishop Thurstin and partly of Henry Murdac," never existed at all. Russell says that he "recovered some of the property alienated by Thomas, the Norman, and was the first Provost, who, with the consent of the chapter of Beverley, received homage and fealty from the tenants of the Provostry out of the chapter house; for the services were theretofore rendered in chapter and not elsewhere. In his time also the corrodies in the Bedern were abated." Dugdale calls him Robert of Gante, *i.e.* Ghent, which Poulson prints Gaute, and credits him to 1135.

This date is, as we have seen, impossible, if Robert followed Thurstan as Provost. His creation is perhaps due to the desire to make room for another mistake which makes Thomas à Becket Provost in 1139. Robert of Ghent was chancellor of King Stephen † and Dean of York from 1142 to 1153, and therefore almost certainly was not Provost. If he ever was, it was from 1132 to 1142.

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* *Rievaulx Chartulary*, p. 21. Surtees Society.

† Foss, i. 149.

Torre, on the other hand, inserts Roger the archbishop as Provost. This, though not impossible, is supported only by a single piece of evidence of no great authority, namely, an anonymous Life of Becket, the earliest copy known of which is a MS. at Paris of the middle of the fifteenth century. This anonymous author * says "at that time," which the editor in a marginal note interprets to be 1147, "the see of York falling vacant by the death of Archbishop William, Theobald the Archbishop of Canterbury in whose household Becket was, endeavoured to get his archdeacon Roger preferred thereto, that by this means he both might provide for the dignity of his church of Canterbury and his own honour in that of his clerk, and might open for Thomas a way to greater things. When the said Roger had been consecrated to York, without delay he (Theobald) assigned to Thomas the archdeaconry of Canterbury and the Provostry of Beverley which Roger had held." The editor's date of 1147 is of course impossible, since as we have seen Henry Murdac was then Archbishop, to be succeeded by the restored "Saint" William; moreover, it was not till 14 March, 1148, that Roger de Pont l'Eveque became Archdeacon of Canterbury on the promotion of one William to be Bishop of Rochester.

Now the anonymous author is not supported by any other of Becket's biographers in the statement that the Provostry conferred on Becket had been held by Roger. They all,—William of Canterbury, John of Salisbury, FitzStephen, and Edward Grim,—mention Roger's holding the archdeaconry, but none of them mention his holding the Provostry, nor do any but Grim mention its being conferred on Becket. He

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* *Materials for the Life of Thomas à Becket*, iv. pp. 10-11. Rolls series, No. 67. Ea tempestate . . . . Eboracensi sede vacante, Theobaldus . . . . sategit qualiter archidiaconum suum Rogerium . . . . eidem sedi preficeret, quatinus per hoc et dignitati ecclesie Cantuariensis et honori suo et in clerico suo prospiceret et Thomæ ad majora viam aperiret . . . . Memorato Rogerio . . . . in Eboracensi sede . . . . consecrato, absque mora archidiaconatum Cantuariensis ecclesiæ et præposituram Beverlaci, quæ (*sic*) Rogerius obtinuerat, cum aliis ecclesiis pluribus Thomæ assignavit.

being not a monk but a secular clerk and a Cambridge man (though probably there was not then a University there), may have taken more interest in the Provostry. But after saying that Roger held the archdeaconry, in order to succeed to which Becket was ordained deacon, he goes on, "and without delay he (Theobald) also obtained for his archdeacon the Provostry of Beverley, heaping on him also manifold churches and other revenues." He at least did not suppose that Roger was Provost.

Still it is not impossible. If Provost Thurstan died in 1153, Roger may have obtained the Provostry and held it for a year till his consecration on 10 October, 1154. But if it was at once bestowed on Becket it must have been so bestowed by Roger himself, the person whom the biographers, with after events before their eyes, represent as his jealous rival and personal enemy. For it was to him as Archbishop of York, not to the Archbishop of Canterbury or to the Crown, that the patronage belonged, if, as seems to be the case, the doctrine that the presentation to benefices vacated by promotion to a bishopric belonged to the Crown had not then been invented. If it had been invented, it is improbable that Becket was appointed before Henry II.'s reign, as King Stephen died on 25 October, and Henry II. was not crowned and did not date his reign till 19 December following. In fine we must refuse to believe in any Provost Robert at this epoch at all, and can only give a very hesitating and problematical possibility rather than probability to the Provostry of Archbishop Roger.

As Becket became Chancellor on Henry II.'s accession and followed the King in his frequent visits abroad, it is highly improbable that he ever saw Beverley; though he apparently held the Provostry till he became archbishop, 27 May, 1162. He was also, according to Simon Russell, a canon of Beverley, holding the prebend of St. Michael, attached to which was a chapel of St. Thomas the Apostle; which, by a curious repetition of the process by which the honours of the Minster itself were popularly transferred from S. John the Evangelist to S. John of Beverley, came after the Translation of Becket in 1220, "to be called and esteemed as a perpetual memorial in honour of S. Thomas the martyr and confessor."

There is considerable uncertainty as to the successor to Becket. Simon Russell (p. 335) cites "another Robert" and then Geoffrey, both "in the time of King Henry II. and Archbishop Roger." Geoffrey has been identified with the Archbishop of York of that name, one of Henry II.'s sons, usually, but it is now* said erroneously, attributed to Fair Rosamond. The identification of Provost Geoffrey with Archbishop Geoffrey is almost certainly wrong, and the order of these two Provosts must be transposed, unless there were two Roberts and two Geoffreys, both Provosts, succeeding each other. The dates are really conclusive against Geoffrey the Archbishop being also Provost. For in 1173, when he was made Bishop of Lincoln, he had, according to Giraldus Cambrensis, barely completed his fourth lustre; and the preponderance of authority makes him still younger, bringing the date of his birth to 1157 or 1158;† and though he had been Archdeacon of Lincoln before being made Bishop, even Henry II. could hardly have put in a boy of four or five years old in succession to his Chancellor as Provost. But there is positive evidence that a Provost Geoffrey existed while the other Geoffrey still held the bishoprick of Lincoln, which was incompatible with the Provostry. Under the year 1176 the writer of the chronicles which go under the name of Abbot Benedict ‡ records § how one Adam, a clerk of Roger, Archbishop of York, was vice-chancellor to the young King Henry "in place of Geoffrey (Gaufridus), Provost of Beverley, for whose use the Archbishop had bought the chancellorship of England for 11,000 marks." On 6 October, 1175, a Geoffrey, first of three persons described as King's chaplains, witnessed a treaty of Henry II. with Roderick, King of Connaught.‖ In 1177, "about Michaelmas, on Tuesday, 27 Sept. (5 Kal. Oct. feria tertia), while Geoffrey, Provost of the church of S. John of Beverley, nephew of Roger, Archbishop of York, and chancellor of King Henry, son of King Henry, ploughed the seas between England and Normandy a storm struck, broke, and sank the vessel. There were drowned the aforesaid Chancellor Geoffrey and Robertus Magnus, Schoolmaster of York"—the Chancellor and the Grammar Schoolmaster were then still one and the same—"a man of character wise and prudent, and many others clerks and laymen to the number of 300." Ralph "de Diceto," Dean of S. Paul's,* gives the date as actually Michaelmas Day, 3 Kal. Oct., while Robert of Torigny† says that about Midsummer Day many ships, "among them one which carried Geoffrey, Provost of Beverley, nephew of Roger, Archbishop of York, chancellor of the young King, and many other nobles, perished at St. Valéry. Many other ships, nearly 30 or more, carrying wine from Poictou also perished." Ralph de Diceto, by the way, apparently followed the so-called Benedict, as he says under the year 1176, "Geoffrey, Provost of Beverley, Archdeacon of York, was made chancellor of the young King for 11,000 marks of silver; but what amount of money by tale (*i.e.* coin) is meant by eleven thousand is not perhaps wholly a mystery to some," a very mysterious remark; from which it would appear that it was not the chancellorship of England, but only of the young King, which had been bought for him.

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* *Dictionary of National Biography.*

† Foss's *Judges*, ii. 293.

‡ According to Bishop Stubbs, his editor, Benedict was merely an Abbot of Peterborough who had the chronicle transcribed; and the real writer was an Exchequer official, perhaps the Treasurer Richard FitzNigel himself.

§ *Chron. Benedicti Abbatis*, Rolls series, i. 122.

‖ *Ibid.* i. 103.

The date of Geoffrey's appointment as chancellor of the young King could not have been earlier than 1174, for Richard Barre was his first chancellor, and resigned on the rebellion. "G. Provost of Beverley, chancellor of King Henry my son," witnesses next after Roger, Archbishop of York, a deed of Henry II. confirming grants of Bernard de Balliol to Rievaulx Abbey.‡ Galfridus, Provost of Beverley, witnesses next after R. de Butvillain, Dean of York, a charter of Archbishop Roger appropriating Bingley and Foston churches to Drax Priory.§ Mr. Robert Magnus is the next witness, then J. Fletaldi, W. Tillemyr, and Jeremiah, canon of York.

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* Rolls series, i. 422. † *Chronicles*, Stephen to Henry III., Roll series, iv. 275.

‡ Rievaulx Chartulary.

§ Dodsworth MS. xxxi. f. 24 b, from Drax Coucher, vol. ii

The one act which brings this Geoffrey into connection with Beverley itself is a grant by him as Provost, preserved by Simon Russell (p. 328), "to all his friends and tenants of S. John present and future. Know that I with the consent of the lord Roger Archbishop of York and the assent of my chapter have granted and given to Ralph of Hampton (Hantona) nephew of Canon Simon, the lands which the said Simon held of S. John and by the same service, viz. in Norwood a croft for 6d. a year, in the Moor a toft for 6d., and in Howald six oxgangs of land for 10s. a year payable to the Provost of S. John, in fee and inheritance to Ralph and his heirs for use to hold as freely as other feoffees of S. John hold. These being witnesses Osbert, Simon, William Moryn, Peter." The names of the canons give no clue to the date.

In the absence of further evidence we must assume that this Geoffrey, being nephew of Archbishop Roger, had succeeded Thomas à Becket as Provost and held the office till his tragic death in 1177.

Whether a Robert had preceded Geoffrey or not, it is certain that a Robert succeeded Geoffrey. For in the Pipe Roll of 1184-5 (31 Henry II.) we find "Ralph the Archdeacon and Robert Provost of Beverley" paying the large sum of £366 13s. 4d., *i.e.* 500 marks, to be in the keeping, custody, and protection of the King as his demesne (dominici) clerks." The same pair agreed to pay £55 for the same purpose to Richard I. in 1189, and actually paid £50.* In 1195 under a Papal Bull of Celestine III., 8 June of that year,† the Papal delegates, making a monstrous decree against Archbishop Geoffrey in the course of his long struggle with the Dean and Canons, among other things condemned the Archbishop to pay "40 marks and 9 shillings and 11s. 8d. for things taken away from the prebend of Sherburn and other possessions of Robert, Provost of Beverley, and 24 marks for costs." In a deed relating to Guisboro' Priory,‡ in execution of another Bull of 25 July, 1196, by the Dean of York, Robert Provost of Beverley heads the witnesses. In 1201[*] "Robert the Provost of Beverley church died; which Provostry Geoffrey, Archbishop of York, gave to Morgan his brother, son of King Henry, as was said, in spite of an appeal of Simon, Dean of York, who said that the Provostry had been given to him by the Archbishop during Provost Robert's life." The allegation is not very likely, seeing that Simon of Apulia, an Italian adventurer, was, as Stubbs[†] says, "bitterest, most ungrateful, most unscrupulous of his (Archbishop Geoffrey's) foes."

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* Pipe Roll, Richard I., p. 78, Record Commission 1835.

† *Historians of the Church of York*, iii. 103, Rolls series.

‡ *Guisboro' Chartulary*, Surtees Society, ii. 288. He witnessed another deed of the same date. *Ibid.* ii. 126.

This passage induces complications as to the two next Provosts. Simon Russell's list (p. 305) places next Simon "in the times of King Richard the first after the Conquest and partly of King John, and of Archbishops Roger and Geoffrey," and next to him Fulk Basset, while five places lower down he places Morgan. Poulson following Dugdale identifies Simon with Simon of Apulia, Dean of York, and afterwards Bishop of Exeter, and dates him 1196 to 1213. The dates of Provost Robert already given prove this date to be certainly wrong. But the odd thing is that Morgan, though said to be appointed in 1201, does not occur as Provost till 1212 and continues till 1217; while a Simon several times appears as Provost in 1203-4 who was quite certainly not Simon of Apulia. Unluckily Hoveden's *Chronicle* breaks off almost immediately after the passage above quoted. But it seems probable that in consequence of the appeal of Simon of Apulia, neither Morgan nor he got the Provostry at that time, but that after remaining vacant perhaps two years it was given to Simon of Wells, or, as Foss and others call him, Fitzrobert. At all events, Simon Fitzrobert, who during the first and second years of King John's reign, from September, 1199, to 2 June, 1200, signs the King's charters as "given by the hands of Simon Archdeacon of Wells and John of Gray," in March, 1203, and onwards, signs alone "given by the hand of Simon Provost of Beverley." John Gray had been made Bishop of Norwich in 1202. The Charter Rolls for 3 and 4 John are lost, so that it is not clear when Simon of Wells became Provost of Beverley.* He was not Chancellor or Keeper of the Great Seal, as Hubert Walter, the Archbishop of Canterbury, was Chancellor till his death, 24 June, 1206;† but he was an officer of the Exchequer, receiving fines, and being keeper of the Fleet prison and the Palace of Westminster, and obtaining a grant of Faversham church.‡ He received 7 Feb., 120$\frac{0}{1}$,§ lands in Stawell, Somerset, when he is described as "Simoni filio Roberti, Archidiacono Wellensi." These lands had escheated to the Crown by the felony of Alice the wife of the late holder of the lands Robert de Wattelai, whom she had killed, for which she had been burnt. On 22 February he received lands in the manor of Wellburn which had escheated for the same reason. Foss conjectures that this Robert was Simon's father, and that the grant was merely a restoration to Simon of lands he would otherwise have inherited, if they had not been forfeited by the father's murder. On 9 April, 5 John 1204, Simon is described as "elect of Chichester," and in June of the same year, on being consecrated, he ceases signing the King's charters. The *Dictionary of National Biography* makes him Bishop in 1201, possibly through a misprint, certainly through a mistake. He died bishop between January, 1207, when he had letters of protection during his absence from England, and Sept. 11, when a patent mentions the bishopric as vacant.‖

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[*] *Hoveden's Chronicle*, iv. 174, Rolls series.

[†] *Historical Introductions* of W. Stubbs, ed. Arthur Hassall, p. 829.

Even then Morgan did not succeed. We have to bring up one Alan, whom Simon Russell and his followers make 13th and Torre 17th Provost, and who is attributed by Poulson and by Dugdale in what must have been a sheer guess, to the year 1251.

In point of fact the only dated document in which Alan appears is as a witness to a deed of Archbishop Geoffrey, 5 July, 1205.¶ He occurs also as Provost at the head of a list of witnesses of a grant to a chapel of S. John the Baptist in Asmunderby, near Ripon,* the next witnesses being Mr. William of Gilling and William of Orleans, canons of Ripon. This deed is undated. But in another Ripon deed, the foundation of a chapel in Northrig† by Roger of Newby, the witnesses are "canons of the same church, viz. William of Gilling, Alan, chaplain of lord G. of York," and two others named. Another deed relating to the same Roger of Newby witnessed by the same witnesses‡ contained a grant to Ripon Minster "and particularly (nominatim) to the prebend of Alan canon of the same, who enclosed it, and whose parishioner I specially am, all that he has enclosed of my hereditary fee by Skelton ditch." Among the chaplains who also witness the deed are "Gillebert cousin (cognato) of Canon Alan," and among the deacons § is Hugh nephew (nepote) of Canon Alan. In another deed (*Ibid.*, p. 203) Nicholas, nephew (nepote) of Canon Alan is mentioned. We can hardly fail to identify this Canon Alan, clerk of Geoffrey the Archbishop of York, with the Provost of Beverley; and we may probably infer from the number of his relations witnessing Ripon deeds that he was himself a native of Ripon or the immediate neighbourhood. His elevation to the Provostry between the dates of the two deeds above quoted would take him from the second place below William of Gilling, which he occupied in the first deed, and give him precedence in the first place above Gilling. This fixes the date of the undated Ripon grant to the chapel of S. John to between 1205 and 1212.

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* Foss's *Judges*, ii. 12, 69.

† Foss, ii. pp. 11, 13

‡ Rot. Pat. 3 John.

§ Rot. Chart. John, 86-8.

‖ Rot. Pat. 9 John, 75.

¶ P. 256 in the forthcoming edition for the Surtees Society of Giffard's *Register* by Mr. W. Brown.

A deed is quoted by Simon Russell (p. 336) from a lost chartulary of the Provostry, as being made in "the time of Alan," but he does not give date or witnesses. It was a grant by one Thomas Hoston "to God and the Provostry of S. John of Beverley" of an oxgang (bovatam) of land in Cranswick with a toft which Richard son of Edward held.

Alan's Provostry then may be provisionally dated 1204 to 1212. By a curious and unexplained error the next Provost,

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* *Memorials of Ripon*, Surt. Soc. i. 207.

† *Ibid.* p. 99.

‡ *Ibid.* p. 100-1

§ For this Canon Fowler here and elsewhere prints diaconibus, an impossible form for the right one diaconis.

Morgan, was transplanted by Simon Russell from 8th to 14th, from 1215 to 1265, Poulson of course following suit, while Mr. Baildon, in the true spirit of the harmonizing commentator, makes two Morgans, the real one in 1212, and another in 1265. The mistake was the more curious as Morgan is known as another of Henry II.'s ' 'by-blows," credited to the wife of Sir Ralph Blewit, and is said to have been refused consecration as Bishop of Durham on that account. So to transfer him from 1212 to 1265 is to transfer him from his own to an impossible generation of his grandsons. The Close Rolls of King John, his half-brother, record his efforts to get Morgan, Provost of Beverley, elected Bishop of Durham in 1215,* while on 7 May, 1216, King John granted a prebend to the Archdeacon of Poitou "if Morgan, Provost of Beverley, be promoted to a bishopric." Morgan never was so promoted; but took the vows as a crusader, and died intestate before he could set out. When sick he was carried to the Cistercian Abbey of Fountains, of which he was an "oblate." His benefices, as belonging to a crusader, were granted by the Pope to the Master of the Temple in England for the prosecution of the crusade. But when it was found that Morgan had resigned all his benefices before his death, Pope Honorius III. in a letter† to Archbishop Walter Gray in November, 1217, rescinded the grant, and a mandate was sent the same day‡ (8 Id. Nov.) to the Master of the Temple ordering him to pay the proceeds of the benefices in question to the persons collated to them. A piece of a deed by Provost Morgan collating to Patrington Church, the chief preferment in the Provostry, is given in the Provost's Book.§ As it is undated, and gives no witnesses nor the name of the person collated, it sheds no new light on his date. The first known reference to Morgan as Provost is in the year 1212.‖ The date is apparently taken from the Yorkshire Feet of Fines in the 14th year of King John at Westminster "from Michaelmas Day to a month after," when Morgan, Provost of Beverley by his attorney Matthew of Ripon, recovered against Robert Constable the advowson of Halsham in the East Riding, which had been given by his uncle, another Robert Constable, "to God and the church of S. John and the Provost in pure and perpetual alms." The Provost and canons in return kindly received Robert Constable and his heirs to the benefits of all prayers made in the Minster for ever.

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* Pp. 190b and 204, 16 John.

† Gray's *Register*. Surtees Soc., No. 56, p. 130.

‡ Calendar Papal Letters under date.

§ f. 72b., p. 378 of this vol.

‖ Surtees Society, No. 94, p. 171.

The two next Provosts have been omitted altogether by Simon Russell and also by Poulson. They owe their resurrection in history to the late Chancellor Raine, who disinterred them in digging into Archbishop Gray's *Register*. These two resuscitated dignitaries are Provost William and Provost Peter of Sherburn. Of William nothing is known but the simple Christian name. The fact of his provostship appears in an undated deed at Durham, by which Archbishop Gray confirmed Mr. Walter Scot in the church of Skipwith (Scipewic), to which he had been instituted by the Dean of York during the vacancy of the see of Durham.* The vacancy of Durham was between the death of Philip of Poitiers in 1208 and his successor Richard of Marsh 1217. William, Provost of Beverley, also witnessed another deed of the Archbishop's containing a grant to Nostell Priory in c. 1217.†

Peter of Sherburn, or Shirburn as it is more commonly spelt, was from the Yorkshire Sherburn, not the Durham Sherburn, still less the Hants or Dorset Sherborne. He was a landholder in Sherburn and Canon of York, as which he first appears, witnessing the above-mentioned deed of Archbishop Gray in c. 1217, and signing next to William, Provost of Beverley. In the same Register he appears as "Magister" Peter of Sherburn as holding land in Sherburn under the Archbishop,‡ and since 1217 holder of a "portion" in the church of Sherburn and of tithes in its adjacent villages, which were assigned as endowment of two new prebends (Wistow and Cawood) constituted in York Minster.§ In 1216 Magister P. de Sireburn witnessed, next to H. Treasurer of York and before three other Canons of York, a composition between Ripon Minster and Fountains Abbey, freeing from tithe certain lands of the abbey.[*] Then on 1 March 121$\frac{7}{8}$ we find Mr. Peter de Shireburn, Provost of Beverley,[†] witnessing next after the Archdeacon of York, a grant by Fountains Abbey of the advowson of Kirkby Ouseburne to the Archbishop, which was by him given to the Precentorship of York; and witnessing another deed of about the same date settling a dispute between the Archbishop and Fountains Abbey.[‡] In or about 1219 he is described as Official of the Archbishop in an inquisition relating to Guisboro' Priory.[§] He must not be confused with Peter of Shirburn, Sacrist in 1272 (p. 294).

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* Gray's *Reg*. p. 6 *n*.

† *Ibid*. p. 129.

‡ *Ibid*. pp. 186-7 *n*.

§ *Ibid*. p. 133.

Fulk Basset, who comes next, was a person who played a great part afterwards as Bishop of London in the controversy of the barons with Henry III. But with this we are not concerned. As Provost of Beverley he must be deposed from the place of ninth to that of twelfth Provost. He first appears as such in a deed of 15 June, 1226, when Archbishop Gray confirmed a grant of a canonry in the Bedern of Beverley to Mr. S., viz. Stephen, the goldsmith made by F. Basset, Provost of Beverley.[||] This brings him into the Provostry eleven years earlier than the *Dictionary of National Biography*, or Poulson, or other authorities, have hitherto allowed him. The corrody in question was no doubt that of the office of goldsmith to the Minster, which had become, if not a sinecure, at least a non-resident office, and was abolished by Archbishop Arundel's Statutes in 1391 (p. 275). It is not easy to see why the grant required the Archbishop's confirmation; unless perhaps Fulk Basset was then a minor or not in orders, or under some other incapacity. Stephen the goldsmith was seven years later given a pension of ten marks a year for life by the Archbishop till he could provide him with a benefice; which probably took the shape of a canonry in York Minster, as a Canon Stephen in 1239 witnesses one of the Archbishop's grants.[¶] Already on 25 Feb., 1226, Basset was parson of Howden (Howedene), one of the richest livings in Yorkshire, afterwards cut up into five prebends for five canons and their vicars. On 1 Nov., 1227,* he was rich enough to be the Archbishop's surety for 100 marks, which the Archbishop had contracted to pay to Eustachia de Pinkeni, widow of Thomas of Arden, for the right to marry any of his nieces to her heir, if a boy, or any of his nephews if the heir was a girl—a rather striking illustration that the marriage market was then something more than a metaphor or a gibe. Besides his ecclesiastical appointments, Fulk was also heir presumptive to the lordship of Wycomb and other lands of Alan Basset his father, a great-grandson of the famous Justiciar of Henry I., who once hung forty-four robbers at one assize.

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[*] *Mem. Ripon*, i. 248.

[†] Gray's *Reg.* p. 132.

[‡] Gray's *Reg.* p. 279.

[§] *Guisboro' Chartulary*, ii. 186. Surtees Society, No. 89.

[||] Gray's *Reg.* p. 223.

[¶] *Ibid.* p 252 *n.*

It is odd, therefore, that Fulk's substantial acts as Provost of Beverley bear a somewhat mean and grasping look. He seems to have carried on war against the canons of Beverley for years. He was probably Provost when by a Papal mandate of 29 March, 1222, the Dean, Sub-dean, and Chancellor of Lincoln were directed to insist on the "chaplains and other clerks" dining in their common hall, the Bedern, as they ought, and then giving the remainder to the poor. It was alleged that "when they meet to dine they cause their portions to be taken where they please, defrauding the poor and converting the profit made to unlawful uses." On 26 Feb., 1224, a similar mandate came from the Pope to the same trio of Lincoln dignitaries, except that the Archdeacon was substituted for the Chancellor, to warn and induce the chaplains and other clerks to abandon the evil custom of taking their meals away from the common table and defrauding the poor. In a later letter of Gregory IX., 15 April, 1237, to Archbishop Gray,† the Pope says that Basset as Provost complained "that the style of living which he had to afford the canons, chaplains, clerks, and officers of Beverley in the refectory of the Bedern, commonly called corrodies," had been settled formerly in times "when the necessaries of the life of man were at a less price," and so through the superfluity of wealth an immoderate quantity and number of courses (ferculorum) had been granted. "Now everything is much dearer than usual, to say nothing of sons of iniquity who carry off the goods of the church and attack its rights and liberties"—there was no doubt the usual struggle going on as to the thraves (i. xcviii.).—"Hence arises the absurdity that while the old ordinance" (no doubt that printed, p. 249) "is preserved, and as much is given in flesh and fish to a single one as would serve him and many more, the goods of the Provostry are almost entirely spent in superfluity of food and unlicensed drinks, while the rights and liberties of the church are lost through lack of defence (as the Provost cannot defend them having nothing left to do so, and nobody else can), and so the office of Provost is a losing business, and he, though he is supposed to be head, is in straits while the rest have a superfluity. Moreover, the remains of the food, which the canons and others ought to give to the poor, are to their disgrace sold (in this paying little heed to their own salvation), and converted to other low purposes (*pravos usus*)." After such an appeal the Pope was bound to direct, as he did, the Archbishop to go to Beverley, inquire into the circumstances, and moderate the corrodies "according to the exigencies of God [has Canon Raine printed Deum for Dei?] and of the revenues." What happened we do not know, but another Papal letter dated 17 April in the next year, 1235, allowed the Pope's "beloved son Fulk" to hold the rectory of Howden in plurality with any dignity, meaning no doubt the Provostry, in spite of the constitution of the recent General Council.

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* *Ibid.* p. 227.

† *Reg.* p. 175, from Add. MS. 15354, 6. A very meagre note of the original of this appears in the Calendar of Papal Letters.

Probably this dispensation was the real object of Basset's piteous complaint about his poverty and the extravagance of the Bedern diet; so we may hope that the canons, the schoolmaster, and the rest escaped having their commons sconced for the benefit of this sprig of nobility, as he is called. Simon Russell indeed says that "in his time these corrodies in the Bedern were abated" (*moderata*); but he says the same of Provost Robert, and the remark probably only means that he had found the Papal Bull among the archives of the Provostry. It would be interesting to know if it were carried out, and how.

In October, 1239, Basset was elected Dean of York, in which capacity on 22 April, 1241,* he witnessed the gift of Bishopthorpe, still the Archbishops' residence, to the see of York. In the same year he succeeded to the family peerage and estates at Wycomb, on the death of his brother; and in December was elected Bishop of London, though he did not succeed in getting consecrated till 1244. As Bishop, one of his earliest acts 21 June, 1244, was to witness the grant of "York House," the Archbishop's town house in Westminster, now Whitehall, which he had bought from the famous Hubert of Burgh, Justiciary of England, Earl of Kent, who sold it to furnish the funds for the crusade on which he had vowed to go.

This last-mentioned deed was also witnessed by "William of York, Provost of Beverley," his immediate successor in that office, and John Mansel, whom Poulson oddly dubs a knight, then Chancellor of S. Paul's, also a future Provost. From 1244 to his death by the plague in 1259 ex-Provost Fulk's doings are part of the history of England, and do not concern the historian of Beverley Minster.

It is most probable that Basset resigned the Provostship on becoming Dean of York. For in 1240 (24 Henry III.) William of York, then at the head of the northern contingent of a general circuit of judges,† which Matthew Paris describes as a mere raid for fees and plunder, is mentioned as Provost of Beverley. He was then no novice in the law, as he had served as a justice itinerant in 1226,‡ and from 1234 presided in one of the two branches of the Court of Common Pleas. He was amply beneficed: rector of Casington; canon of York,§ of S. Paul's,|| and of Wells.¶ In 1242, with the Archbishop of York and William Cantilupe, he was guardian of the kingdom. On 7 or 14 July (the authorities differ), 1246, he was consecrated Bishop of Salisbury, and died 31 January, 1256.

William of York must, however, have resigned the Provostry before his consecration as Bishop, since in 1244 another William, not hitherto reckoned among the Provosts of Beverley, appears in that capacity. This was William of

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* Gray's *Reg.* p. 191.

† Foss, ii. 156.

‡ Rot. Claus. 9 Henry III., 119.

§ 10 Dec. 1230, Gray's *Reg.* p. 51.

|| Newcourt, i. 173.

¶ *Reg.* i. pp. 76-77.

Cantilupe (de Cantilupo), junior, probably the eldest son of the Chief Justice of that name, who, on his father's petition, was on 11 April, 1231, allowed to take the oath of fealty for lands of his father, and did a good deal of judicial business for the King. He is called Steward of the Lord King when witnessing after the Justices in Eyre and others a grant to Guisboro' Priory circa 1239.* His only known appearance as Provost of Beverley is in a charter of 14 July, 1244,† when he signed as Provost of Beverley next after William of Ferrars, Earl of Derby, and R. de Qwincey (sic), Earl of Winchester, a grant by the Crown to one Lambert de Milton of a market in "Flet" and free warren in all his lands. The interpolation of his Provostry explains the otherwise inexplicable date of a deed given in Gray's *Register* ‡ on 7 Oct., 1247, by which one John of the Bedern was instituted to Hemsworth (Himelesworth, the heavenly farm), on the presentation of Dominus Willelmus, Provost of Beverley, as guardian of the lands and heir of William of Wanrevill. What I had supposed to be a belated institution on a presentation by William of York before he became bishop, is now more simply explained by the find of this new Provost.

The next Provost, John Mansel, was the most famous specimen in his day of the type of ecclesiastic who was civil servant, lawyer, statesman, diplomatist, and soldier into the bargain. He was brought up at court.§ The earliest notice of him yet discovered is his appointment, 5 July, 1234, to reside at the Exchequer of receipt and have the custody of one roll.‖ The office thus conferred is supposed to be that of Chancellor of the Exchequer, an officer said to be first mentioned under that title fourteen years later. In 1238 he was sent on a mission to Italy. From 1241 onwards church preferments were showered on him. His first canonry seems to have been at Lincoln,¶ where his appointment was opposed by Bishop Grosseteste, and he thought it better to resign the nomination and be consoled with Howden rectory and Maidstone, both so rich as to be subsequently carved into colleges. Next year saw him on active service in France, unhorsing in battle the Seneschal of the Count of Boulogne —a rich prize. The following year he was severely wounded at the siege of Varines. On 3 June, 1243, as a canon of Wells, he was chosen as that Chapter's representative to confer with the King on the election of Roger, Precentor of Salisbury, to the bishopric of Wells. On 24 May, 1243, he was Chancellor of S. Paul's Cathedral. He was probably a canon of York, though signing under the description of Chancellor of S. Paul's, when witnessing the grant of York House to the see of York (p. xviii.). On 13 December, 1246, he was made Dean of Wimborne Minster, Dorset. In 1247 he is said by Foss to have been Provost of Beverley. The authority is not given, but is probably the *Flores Historiarum*, now printed in the Rolls series, which under date 1247 says, "At this time Sir J. Mansel, Chancellor of S. Paul's, London, at the King's order and instant petition . . . . took the keepership of the King's Seal in the place of Chancellor (cancellarii vices acturus et officium). Moreover the Provostry of Beverley was conferred on the said John by the Archbishop of York. Though the King was annoyed that this was not given to his brother on his mother's side, Sir Ethelmar, yet as he had found the said John faithful and necessary in supporting his burdens, the King would not allow him to suffer loss or damage, or be any way deprived of the dignity bestowed on him." As Sir Ethelmar or Aymer de Valence soon after became Bishop of Winchester he had not much to complain of. Mansel's Provostry was no doubt like that of Thomas à Becket of the absentee order. The first recorded description of him as Provost is when he witnessed at Woodstock a recital and confirmation of a grant of King John to Robert Earl of Leicester, 21 August, 1248,* when he was keeper of the Great Seal.† His latest known signature in that capacity is in a charter of the King dated at Westminster, 2 May, 47 Henry III., *i.e.* 1263.‡ This is the only document which brings him into any connection with

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* *Guisboro' Chartulary*, ii. 199.

† Harl. Charters, 58, J. 1-3.

‡ p. 102.

§ Rymer's *Fœdera*, i. 414.

‖ Foss's *Judges*, ii. 392; from Madox, *Exchequer*, ii. 51.

¶ *Dict. Nat. Biog.*

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* Duchy of Lancaster Great Cowcher, i. 424, n. 5.

† Foss, ii. 393.

‡ This date is five years later than the last appearance in that capacity credited to him in the *Dictionary of National Biography*.

Beverley. Nor is this surprising. For in the interim he was as King's Secretary sent in 1253 on a mission to Gascony, to treat for the marriage of Eleanor of Castile to Edward I., at which he assisted at Burgos in the following year. In 1246 and several times afterwards he was Keeper of the Great Seal, but never called Chancellor, probably because he was not a bishop, a preferment he is said to have several times refused. In 1257 as ambassador he negotiated the election of Richard of Cornwall as King of the Romans. In 1258 he acted on a commission in the City of London, dismissing and punishing aldermen and councillors. In the same year he was Treasurer of York Minster. In 1261 he was dismissed from the Keepership by the Barons' influence, but restored next year. In 1263 he had to fly from Simon de Montfort: he was a party to the Mise of Amiens, and died, it is said,* in poverty and misery in France, 20 Jan., 1265. The *Flores Historiarum* only says, under 1264, "In those days J. Mansel, a mighty occupier of benefices, attained the goal of life beyond sea." As he was named as an executor in Henry III.'s will, June, 1269, this must be a mistake.† His gorgeous entertainments to royalty provoked the attacks of the monkish chroniclers; he is much abused by Matthew Paris, who loses no opportunity of abusing the secular clergy, of whom he was jealous, and as Mansel was successful in a lawsuit against S. Alban's Abbey, to which that worthy monk belonged, he was at once, ipso facto, stamped as a son of iniquity. His foundation of a Priory of Austin Canons at Basington, Kent, in 1253, would not commend him to the member of a rival order. Hume has a preposterous tale of his holding 700 benefices. There is no evidence that he held more than Becket or William of Wykeham or Wolsey or other statesmen-clerics.

John Chesull,‡ the next Provost, has been misplaced by all the historians of Beverley as next but one before Mansel, whereas he was next after him. An extant deed printed in this volume (p. 295) gives his one certain connection with the Minster, though revealing by its date,

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* *Dict. Nat. Biog.*

† Foss, ii. 396.

‡ Perhaps he came from Cheeshill in the Bishop's soke at Winchester. That place is supposed to be allied in meaning with the Chesil Beach at Portland, and elsewhere.

London, S. Nicholas Day (6 December), 1272, that the Provost was as usual an absentee. It is addressed by John of Chesull, Provost of Beverley, to all the sons of holy mother Church, and states that in order to pay off the debts on the Bedern, the canons, vicars, clerks, and others had agreed that for the year beginning Michaelmas, 1272, they would take a fixed portion in wheat and money for their corrodies (corrediis). To prevent this being drawn into a precedent, at the desire of the Archbishop, the Provost granted that all were to revert to their former estate (ad antiqui temporis statum suum) at Michaelmas, 1273, and take their corrody in eatables and drinkables as of old, unless another arrangement should be made meanwhile. This document shows that the process by which the board and lodging originally provided for the canons in the Bedern became commuted for a money payment—a much more convenient arrangement for pluralist canons, who wished to be elsewhere—was not yet completed, or at least was not yet recognised as the normal arrangement. The vicars and other inferior ministers always continued to live in the Bedern and be boarded by the Provost accordingly.

Chesull, like his predecessors, was a lawyer and civil servant, and beneficed for that reason. In 1264 he was Chancellor of the Exchequer, and in 1265 one of the custodians, though not technically "Keeper"* of the Great Seal; in 1268 Dean of S. Paul's; on 30 October of that year he became Keeper, and held the seals till 31 July, 1269; on 6 Feb., 1270, he became Treasurer of England.† On 7 Dec., 1273, he was elected Bishop of London, and consecrated 29 April, 1274. He died 8 Feb., 1280, and was buried in S. Paul's.‡

Peter of Chester was the next Provost. He first appears as Peter of Lascy,§ being an illegitimate ‖ son of John of Lascy or Lacey, lord of Pontefract, constable of Chester, who became, in right of his wife, Earl of Lincoln. Peter, like many "by-blows" of good family, took to the law and the church. He was first and last rector of Whalley, Lancs., circa 1235, receiving the King's protection in respect of it nearly 60 years later, 18 Oct., 1294. He probably assumed the name of Chester, in the castle of which he was no doubt born, on taking minor orders. He never was more than a sub-deacon.[*] On 23 Dec., 1252, he is called kinsman of the Earl of Lincoln, in a mandate by Pope Innocent IV. to the Bishop of London to grant him dispensation to hold benefices in plurality to the value of £100 a year. In 1262 he was justice of assize at Lancaster.[†] In 1270, 54 Henry III., he was a Justice itinerant for pleas of the Forest.[‡] On 1 May, 1278, as Dominus Petrus de Cestreia he was the first witness to his great-nephew Henry de Lacy's charter[§] to the burgesses of Pontefract, being described as Provost of Beverley: his first known appearance in that capacity, four years earlier than hitherto allowed.[‖]

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* Foss, ii. 147. † Foss, ii. 147. ‡ Foss, ii. 296.

§ *Whalley Abbey Coucher Book*, i. 94. Cheetham Society.

‖ Ibid. 280; *cf.* Whitaker's *History of Whalley*, 4th ed. 1872, i. 77-81.

On 26 Nov., 1280,[¶] he appears as witness to a deed enrolled in Chancery. Next year, 15 Oct., 1281, the Prior of Pontefract acknowledged in Chancery at Winchester a debt of 100 marks to Peter de Cestria, Provost of Beverley.[**] He was made a Baron of the Exchequer in 1284.[††] On 11 May, 1287,[‡‡] he witnessed the enrolment of an agreement by the King with Sir Matthew FitzJohn for exchange of property in Hampshire, to which the witnesses were John, Bishop of Ely, Treasurer, Philip of Wilughby, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Peter de Cestria, Provost of Beverley, followed by three Barons of the Exchequer and some Justices; so that he was probably senior puisne baron. He was also a canon of Lichfield and of Hereford, and parson of East Harlesey (Arlesey), Easington, and Slaidburn. On 5 March, 128$\frac{7}{8}$, he appears as canon and prebendary of Bugthorpe in York Minster.[§§] In a French letter addressed to Sir Henry de Menyll, probably bailiff of the Provostry, dated at London, 10 May, 1290,[‖‖]

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[*] Cal. Close Rolls, Edw. I. 1291, 15 Sept.

[†] *Lancashire Fines*, 1196-1307, i. 133, Lancashire and Cheshire Records, vol. xxxix.

[‡] Foss, iii. 74.

[§] Pontefract Borough Records.

[‖] Foss, iii. 74.

[¶] Cal. Close Rolls, Edward I., p. 103.

[**] Cal. Close Rolls, Edward I.

[††] Foss, iii. 74.

[‡‡] Cal. Close Rolls, Edward I.

[§§] Le Neve, iii.

[‖‖] Provosts' Book, f. 83.

he forgave Sir Robert of Hylton all defaults in suit of court in respect of Ottringham.

Preparations for the rebuilding of the nave of the Minster began during the Provostry of Peter of Chester, Archbishop Romanus, on 24 March, 1290 (i. 2), issuing what in later times was called a Church Brief on its behalf. All abbots, priors, colleges, archdeacons, officials, deans, and parish priests were directed to admit the chapters' proctors when they came to collect contributions, and to expound the busines to their parishioners and subjects, and induce them to contribute. The archbishop, in the names of S. Peter and S. Paul and "the most holy confessor William," offered to all contributors an indulgence of 40 days of the penance imposed on them for their sins. This is the regular form of Indulgence for such contributions. The famous Pardon for S. Peter's, Rome, which is popularly supposed to have produced Luther's outburst and the Reformation, did not substantially differ except that it was a plenary or complete instead of only a 40 days' indulgence. But it was not an indulgence or pardon for sins or license to commit sins ad libitum for the future, as is popularly represented, but only a pardon for the penance imposed by the church authorities for past sins; and it was limited in its terms "to those truly contrite and confessing their sins." Venal proctors no doubt led an ignorant people to think, and an ignorant people no doubt were ready to think, that the pardon was a pardon for sins. But in itself the indulgence was innocent enough. It remitted a physical penalty for a fine paid to pious uses. We cannot wholly condemn a system which has given us Beverley Minster and York Minster, Eton College Chapel, and a host of other noble buildings.

When the nave of the Minster was rebuilt the shrine of S. John was also made anew, and we have fortunately the contract for it, preserved in the Letter Books of the Corporation of London, an unexpected quarter, which testifies to the importance of the work. The contract was dated 14 Sept. and enrolled in the Mayor's Court on Michaelmas Day, 1292. It was made between the Chapter on the one part and Roger of Faringdon (*sic*), goldsmith, servant (and we can hardly doubt son or nephew) of William Farendon (*sic*), goldsmith, citizen of London, of the other part. Roger was to make from silver and gold supplied by the Chapter, and refined, if necessary, by Roger, a shrine (feretrum) 5½ feet long, 1½ foot broad, and of proportionate (say 2½ feet) height. It was to be "beautiful and fit with plates (platis) and columns of mason's work and figures (imaginibus) of cunning (subtilis) and beautiful (decori) work, the number and size being at the Chapter's discretion, to be placed all over the shrine, with canopies (tabernaculis) and pinnacles in front and rear, and other devices appropriate for a shrine of this sort and beauty, such as belongs to goldsmiths' work." The Chapter had power to reject any figure or other ornament and cause the goldsmith to remake it, without extra charge. The goldsmith was to find quicksilver, coals, and everything else necessary for the working of the material. The price paid for the work was to be the same weight of silver as the shrine and its images and ornaments weighed before being gilt; and Roger was to do no other work before it was finished.

William of Farendon (*sic*) was surety for the work. He was the alderman who gave his name to the City Ward of Farringdon, now the two wards of Farringdon Within and Without, then called the Ward of Ludgate and Newgate, which he acquired from John son of Ralph le Fevre by deed enrolled in 1281-2, and devised by his will in 1293 to Nicholas of Faringdon or Farndon, who being son of the said John le Fevre (probably = Orfevre) married William of Farndon's daughter, Isabel, and took his name.* They were all goldsmiths. So the Chapter of Beverley went to probably the best firm of the day for their shrine.

Unfortunately we do not know whether this shrine was completed by Roger of Farringdon, nor do we know what it was like. It appears to have been at Beverley, but in an unfinished state, when, on April, 1302 (i. 3), Archbishop Corbridge issued a special indulgence in the same form as that of Romanus twelve years before for the fabric. "Desiring that the church of Beverley and the famous shrine (capsula) in it for holding the relics of the most holy confessor John, now begun of sumptuous workmanship, but for the completion of which the resources of the church do not suffice," he directs the clergy to give the Chapter's collectors precedence over all others except those for York Minster, and an indulgence of 40 days "to those who visit or honour the church and shrine and stretch out helping hands to the making or glorification of them." In 1305 John the goldsmith appeared in Chapter and claimed allowance of £10 14s. of silver delivered to him for making the shrine, asserting that there had been waste to that amount in the coin given him by the Chapter. On 21 June, 1308, Archbishop Greenfield having dedicated the high altar of the Minster to S. John of Beverley, granted another indulgence to those contributing to the fabric and the greater estate of the shrine. As there are no more collections for the shrine, though plenty for the fabric, it may be assumed that the shrine was then completed. It was no doubt continually augmented by "jewels," as when the Lady Margaret (i. 294) gave a golden gift it was at once fixed to the shrine. The shrine was carried in procession through the town during the Rogation days to the daughter churches, when all the Trade Gilds of the town built wooden castles in the streets through which the procession went carrying the shrine, and having seen it pass sitting in their best liveries * in the morning, on its return in the afternoon joined in and rode after the shrine. When in the Minster it reposed apparently on the broad platform above the reredos behind the high altar, and a gorgeous and beautiful object it must have been when shining in the summer sun which fell through the south window of the east transept directly on the altar, or gleaming in the gloom of a winter day under the light shed by innumerable torches and candles.

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* *Calendar of Husting Wills*, by Dr. R. R. Sharpe, pt. i. p. 112. Nicholas in turn devised the aldermanry to John le Pulteneye by will 23 June, 1334. *Ibid.* p. 398.

At Ottringham, in South Holderness, some ten miles east of Hull, one of the manors of the Provostry, Peter of Chester left a memorial of himself in the shape of a chantry priest under somewhat peculiar circumstances. Mr. Richard of Otringham † was the grandson of one Sir Martin of that ilk,

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* *Beverley Town Documents*, edited by me for the Selden Society, 1900, vol. xiv. pp. lvii.-lix. 99, 112, 115.

† *Chronicon de Melsa*, ii. 196 seq., Rolls Series.

knight, who being a burgess of the then flourishing seaport of Hedon had made his fortune and thriven to thane right and become a large landowner. He had three sons, Richard, John, and Martin. The latter was a cleric, but nevertheless had a son, Richard the canon. His two uncles succeeded each other, but died childless, and the whole property came to him. A childless man himself, the last of his race, he determined to convert the manor house of Ottringham into a chantry, wherein seven monks from Meaux Abbey, to whom the estates were devised, were to pray for his soul for ever for 100 marks a year. The Statute of Mortmain having been passed a few years before, the license in mortmain of the mesne lord, the Provost of Beverley, as well as that of the king, was required to the grant. Peter of Chester no doubt having, like most educated people of the age, an objection to monks, would only consent if a secular priest was substituted for one of the monks, to be presented by the Provost of Beverley for the time being, and to pray for Peter and his successors. To this the monks of Meaux, sorely against their will apparently, as the tale is told at enormous length in the Chronicle, consented. The chantry began on S. Laurence Day, 1293, when the six monks and the chantry priest, with a salary of 5 marks a year, moved into Ottringham manor house. Before apparently the legal documents were all completed Peter of Chester died, and the next Provost, Aymo de Quarto, demanded as the price of his consent to a confirmation of the chantry, that his name should take precedence of all the Ottringhams who were to be prayed for. To this high-handed imposition Richard of Otringham, who was still alive,* was obliged to consent. In 1324 the monks moved the oratory to the gate of Meaux Abbey, but the chantry chaplain stayed at Ottringham, and his admission, induction, and institution are recorded as one of the rights or duties of the Provost in the Provost's Book in 1417 (p. 309).

When Archbishop Romanus in 1290 overhauled the constitution of the church and endeavoured to make every one reside, Provost Peter was not present, and his case was twice reserved, first on 20 June (p. 163), and again on 8 Nov. (p. 169). Whether it was that the Archbishop was afraid to tackle so potent a personage, certain it is that while the Precentor, Chancellor, and Sacrist were ordered into instant and perpetual residence, saving the dispensing power of the Archbishop, no such condition was imposed on the Provost. In 1291 he obtained a mandate from the Pope to the Archbishop to examine his case and grant dispensation for pluralities acquired after the Council of Lyons.* The last thing known of Peter of Chester was that on 18 Oct., 1294, he was granted protection by the King's letters patent,† both as Provost of Beverley and as parson of Rudby and Whalley, Lancs. Whether this was to defend him from further assaults of the Archbishop, or for some other reason, we are left to guess. He was dead by 23 April, 1295,‡ when the Archbishop ejected the canons from the Provostry, which they claimed reverted to them on a vacancy, and took its administration into his own hands, a proceeding which caused the canons to obtain a commission of oyer and terminer to J. de Lithgreyns and John de Insula, two of the King's judges.

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* If he was the Richard of Ottringham who, 6 Nov., 1330, was admitted to S. Stephen's prebend at Beverley (ii. 91, 94), he was still alive on 23 June, 1352. *Proceedings of Society of Antiquaries*, xv. 117.

"The venerable father and lord, Sir Peter of Chester," is credited by Simon Russell (p. 306) with having "acquired several tenements, rents, and services to the said Provostry and the Provosts of the same, and demised divers live and dead stock (implementa), of goods and chattels (catalla apparently used almost in the original sense of cattle) in all the manors of the said Provostry." Poulson § glosses this into a new purchase. In point of fact there is no evidence of anything of the kind. The credit thus given to Peter of Chester is due to the fact that his executors entered into a formal deed with the succeeding Provost as to the division of the income and the support of the Bedern, that is, of the vicars choral and all other inferior ministers of the church, and the corrodies of the canons, between the estate of the outgoing and that of the incoming Provost. The account day being Michaelmas Day, and the Provost's goods being, as usual in the case of a member of the church, placed under sequestration pending administration and account, the Bedern would have starved in the meanwhile if some arrangement had not been made by which the executors could at once deal with the goods. We have not got the actual agreement, but in Simon Russell's book a similar agreement made between the executors of Provost Robert Rolleston, who died 12 Jan., 1450, and his successor, John Bernyngham or Barningham, is set out at length. This agreement refers to and is modelled on that of Peter of Chester's executors. So too in the first volume of this book, 10 July, 1306, the Chapter authorized John of Risindon, their lawyer, proctor, assessor, and general man of business, to negotiate with the executors of Robert of Abberwick, the then late Provost, and grant them the administration of his goods in the Provostry "according to the tenor of a certain dividend (*i.e* division, *cf.* prebendam = provision) between Sir Aymo, once the Provost of Beverley, and the executors of Sir Peter of Chester his predecessor." The stock which was left to Robert of Abberwick on his accession and that which on his death was left for the next Provost, Walter Reynolds, is set out at full length (i. 122-4), with a statement of what was deficient and had to be made up by the executors of the deceased Provost, and a similar statement of what was delivered by Walter Reynolds, on his vacating the Provostry by becoming Bishop of Worcester, to his successor William of Melton. It is an extremely valuable document for the history of prices of live stock at that time. But the worth of its comparison with the later agreement in John Barningham's time, in which also the prices are set out, is vitiated by the stereotyped conservatism so characteristic of the Middle Ages, which when a thing had been once settled treated it as settled for all time; for the prices set down in 1451 are the same as those in 1306. Hence it is certain that the prices of 1306 are not those necessarily of 1306, but those of ten years before, when Peter of Chester's executors made the original agreement. The stock which should have been in the Provostry according to Peter of Chester's agreement was 92 bulls and bullocks, 42 horses or draft animals, 80 cows, 120 bullocks, young bulls, and calves, 40 of each kind, 600 "muttons" (multones=male sheep), 460 ewes, 86 swine, including boars, sows, and pigs. On Abberwick's entry there was deficient one bull, price 10s.; 29 cows, price 8s. each; 36 boves or bovetti, price 6s. each; 24 bullocks, price 4s. each; while there were 6 calves beyond the minimum number, worth 9s. each. There were 70 sheep only out of 600, price of each sheep, which the executors had to make up, 1s. 6d. (or £48 15s. in all—the sum, unless I have misread it, is wrong); on the other hand there were 250 ewes in excess, worth 15d. each and 288 hogs in excess at 1s. each. All the other swine had disappeared, "having been stolen in spite of the care taken by the Chapter for their safety," and they were worth £10 15s. at 2s. 6d. a head.

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* Cal. Close Rolls, under date.

† Pat. 22 Edward I. m. 9 d. Cal. p. 118.

‡ Two dates are given for his death in *History of Whalley*, pp. 77 and 79, 18 Kal. Jan., 1294, *i.e.* 15 Dec., 1294, and SS. Fabian and Sebastian, *i.e.* 20 Jan., 1294. If this means 129$\frac{4}{5}$ the last date is probably correct; but if it means 1294, then the first date is more likely.

§ *Beverlac*, p. 650.

A battle royal rages in the Chapter Act Book round the next Provost, though he himself never appears upon the stage. The foreign syllables of Aymo de Carto, Hamo de Quarto, Eymo de Cartoco, Edmund de Cardo, as with generous diversity he is indifferently called, seem to have puzzled the phonetic spellers of the day not a little. His first mention in English records appears to be on 24 April, 1290, when Archbishop Romanus (p. 160) directed the Chapter of Beverley to admit the proctor of Aymo de Carto, Papal chaplain, into the canonry and prebend which the venerable father Sir B. (Boniface) de Augusta had vacated on becoming Bishop-elect Sedunensis, or of Sion—that hot place in the Rhone valley which the seeker of Swiss mountains is so glad to see the back of—to which he had been collated by Pope Nicholas IV. This Savoyard had himself only been appointed by the Pope in 1287 (p. 154) on the expulsion of Robert of Scarborough, Dean of York, from that prebend. It is probable that at this time Aymo de Carto had not even set foot in England. The prebend in question was the fattest one of all, the prebend of S. Martin's, to which was annexed S. Mary's Church, then a chapel. On 18 Jan., $129\frac{0}{1}$, letters of protection for two years were granted to Edmund de Cardo, canon of

Beverley, staying beyond seas.* On 8 April following † a protection for three years was granted to Eymo de Cartoco, canon of Beverley, going beyond seas. It would seem therefore that if he came to England at all, his stay was of the shortest. Next year Archbishop Romanus visited the Chapter; when Aymo de Quarto, who should have been present, was not, and "as certain arduous business could not be conducted without his presence," he was summoned to appear, but did not, though one appeared and put forward by word of mouth that he had gone to London by the King's licence on business of Sir Otho of Grandison. He was pronounced contumacious and summoned again to appear in York Minster on the next law day before Palm Sunday (p. 173). It seems likely that Romanus wanted to take proceedings against the absent Aymo for non-residence. On 24 July, 1293, he was in London, as a mysterious mandate was issued by the Archbishop against a pronouncement or decree made by the Dean of York (Henry of Newark, who became Archbishop in 1296) and Canon Henry of Carlton, in London, which prejudiced the Archbishop's ordinance as to residence, and from the heading, though not the body of the document, affected Aymo de Carto. We may conjecture that it was a finding that King's clerks absent on the King's business were to be treated as resident. He was clearly in high favour in high quarters, as on 5 Jan., 1293, under the name of Aymo de Carto, Precentor of Lyons, he was granted the house of Quinac, near Lyons, belonging to the King through the vacancy in the see of Canterbury. On 13 Nov., 1294,‡ Eymo de Quarto, Provost of Lausanne, going beyond seas on the King's service, nominated two foreigners as his attorneys. Sometime between this date and 4 Oct., 1295, this Precentor of Lyons and Provost of Lausanne became Provost of Beverley, being called Provost when on the latter date he was presented to the rectory of Dungarvan in Ireland, in Lismore diocese,§ and in the following year had protection as parson of Dungarvan, staying in England; || and again on 6 March, 1297. On the same day he obtained protection, under the

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* Pat. 19 Edward I. m. 21.

† Pat. 20 Edw. I. m. 17.

‡ Cal. Pat. Edw. I. p. 90.

§ Pat. 23 Edw. I. m. 5.

|| Pat. 24 Edw. I. p. i. m. 2.

title of Provost of Lausanne, as proctor of J. Judicis, Papal notary, canon of Lincoln.

On 4 Feb., 1298, under the title of Provost of Beverley, he went beyond seas with the King, and 1 and 6 April had protection on going to the Court of Rome, for two years. On 4 July, 1300, protection was granted for him staying beyond seas to Easter. The Aymo of Savoy, who in 1300 appears as Archdeacon of York,* is not our friend, though of the same country.

On 30 April, 1300,† the temporalities of the see of York were restored to Thomas of Corbridge as archbishop. Within a very few months he had begun a controversy with Aymo de Carto which eventually led to deprivation. There are many documents bearing on the quarrel, but what began it they do not reveal. On 27 July, 1300, the Archbishop directed the Beverley Chapter at once to sequestrate all the possessions of the Provostry, except the provisions for the ministers of the church, "for certain reasons which through consideration and at the wish of our beloved son the Provost we do not mention." A few days afterwards he told the Chapter to make Mr. Walter of Gloucester and Henry of Carlton, canons, keepers of the sequestration, Sir Emericus (Aymer) de Carto, the Provost's brother, having complained that it was too hard that the Beverley Chapter should meddle with the goods of the Provostry.

On 27 Feb., 1301, the Archbishop announced his intention of visiting the Provostry in North or "Cherry" Burton church, and on 15 March he gave similar notice to visit the Minster on Mid Lent Sunday. On 5 June, 1302, a decree was made by the Archbishop on the result of this visitation of the Minster, the only record of such a visitation which has hitherto come to light. The first article provided for buying some new choir books, and the choir were told not to halt in psalm singing, one side being too quick for the other. The next directed the canons to go to chapter and do their business quickly so that high mass might not be deferred. It shows how slack the canons were that it was necessary to lay down that at least one canon must always be in residence; and if there were none then a convocation or general meeting of the canons was to be called. The clerks serving the stalls—the vicars choral—were to be properly and promptly paid by the canons on pain of double pay for every day in arrears. The vicars were to receive 2d. out of every offering made at their particular altar and a penny of every offering made when they were celebrating at the high altar, as had been usual. One of the vicars was to celebrate at the altar of S. Thomas the Martyr as used to be done, and this was not to be omitted without grave reason. The vicars were not to carry off the candle ends after matins and vespers as they belonged to the Sacrist, who was also entitled to candles offered at the Great Beam across the middle of the choir, which were not to burn there unless specially asked by the offerer. The clerks of the "Berfell" were directed to reside (those clerkships were in fact, as we have seen, mostly treated as university exhibitions and given to young men still pursuing their education), and the Chapter's assessor or legal adviser was not to be a married man, "which is not decent or expedient." On the vexed question of the residence of the three dignitaries and the corrodies and share of the non-resident canons in offerings and oblations, the ordinance of Romanus was to be observed and a copy of it sent to the Archbishop. The case of the Provost and his servants in the Bedern was reserved.

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* Pat. 28 Ed. I.

† Cal. Pat. p. 11.

What precisely were the gravamina against the Provost never appears. But in the following year, 6 April 1303, the struggle produced a letter in French from the Archbishop to the King (p. 187), which he sent to Sir John of Benstede (Benstede in Hunton, in Kent), who was a clerk in Chancery and perhaps King's secretary,* and afterwards Chancellor of the Exchequer, asking him to read a copy enclosed of the letter and expedite its presentation, "leaving out any clause in it which you think better omitted until you find a fitting opportunity." He mentions some matter about which William of Hamilton had written. This William, being a Master in Chancery, was Precentor of Beverley, Archdeacon and then Dean of York, Vice-Chancellor of England in 1296 and Keeper of the Great Seal on several occasions, and from Dec., 1304 to his death in 1307, Chancellor. The Archbishop also wrote to various other persons about the Court whom he hoped might get the ear of the King in the matter. The letter to the King is worth giving in full. "Dear Sir. Words fly, and we have heard that the Provost of Beverley has come to you and given you to understand certain conditions of the Provostry other than the true ones, and has said other things to you by which perhaps you may be moved against us, which we should much regret. Wherefore it seems better for us to write to your highness the truth about the Provostry and our doings. Sir, if you please, truly we understand that the franchise of the church of Beverley was given at the beginning by your ancestors, especially by the good King Athelstan, who gave to God and S. John and his seven priests the franchise, fair and noble which you have heard, as we understand. And from that time, Sir, the said S. John"—we may observe that the Archbishop's history is somewhat vague when he transports S. John from the seventh to the tenth century. He had not read his Bede nor the introduction to our first volume—"ordained the church of Beverley and made canons and ordained the Bedern to serve the canons and ministers of the church, and made a Provost who takes oath loyally to do the service. And all the successors of S. John have given the Provostry, one after the other, except in time of vacancy (of the see). And this fact is notorious, the Provost ought to know, as he entered by means of the Apostolic See, which he could not have done if the collation had not belonged to the Archbishop. And our predecessors have visited, as occasion demanded, the canons and the Provost and the Provostry, and we ourselves have twice visited it peaceably and made amendments. And because we found in our last visitation that the Provost had given the church of Patrington to a person, a cousin of his who was not half of age and was not made priest, we directed our Official to call that person before him according to law to know the truth of the business. And that person came by proxy and answered, and pleaded before the Official, and it was declared by process in our Court Christian that the church was vacant for a year or more, so that the collation had devolved upon us, and was given by our authority to another person who has entered peaceably and holds it and ought to hold it by strict right. And, dear Sir, the aforesaid Provost in the process complained of the Official and demanded delay, which we granted as willingly as if he had been our brother, but it seemed to him from our good nature that he could override us, and began to take away our jurisdiction both inside and outside the church of Beverley. And as we had been friends, and also for reverence to you, we prayed him come to us at Cawood twice, and showed him fairly and lovingly that he ought to behave himself as our clerk, and ought not to spoil our folk or occupy our estate, and we came to terms in this fashion, that we should name three persons on whom we could agree who should hear the claims made on either side and deliver seisin accordingly. But when it came to the day assigned the Provost would not keep the terms, and so it was said that each should do his best. Then the Provost asked me by Mr. Robert of Pickering"—a senior clerk or master in Chancery, who since 1288 had been canon of Beverley of the prebend of S. Peter and S. Paul, and since 1294 also a canon of York—"to postpone the matter till Easter. And we replied that we should be pleased to do so as to the temporalities, but as to the spiritualities we wanted to make amendments for the holy season in the defaults which we had found touching his benefices and himself, and summoned him before us. And when he heard talk of the summons he hid himself, went away, and we do not know where he has gone. Some say he is in Scotland. And, Sir, if you knew how we kept him at our house (chiez nous), what grace we offered him, if he would take our counsel to his profit and without damage to himself, and how he despised us and what 'mows and pows' (*mowes et chapous*) he over and over again vouchsafed us, you would be astonished as we are. And, dear Sir, as we hold the place which S. John held, and would hold if he were now alive, to whom you have great devotion, as we well know, we pray your Highness to maintain us in that place, and help us to do our duty without disturbance by the Provost, to whom we are ready and prepared to do all that is reasonable if he will listen to us. But we are told that he will create a great disturbance if you listen to his words. And, Sir, whereas the Provost's men have sent a great force of laymen to the aforesaid church to disturb what we have done, will you please order your Sheriff to remove the lay force which has been brought by the Provost's men to the said church. And if the Provost says that he has appealed to the Court of Rome, Sir, if it please you the care of all appeals belongs to the churches of York and Canterbury, and that is a thing known and notorious through all England.

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* Foss, ii. 231.

The Lord keep you sound and safe and grant you good life and long and to return with joy. Given at Wilton, 5 April, 1303."

This Wilton must be Bishop's Wilton near Pocklington, as the next day a letter of the Archbishop's was dated from "Burton by Beverley," *i.e* Bishop or South Burton (i. 4), addressed to the Archdeacon of the East Riding and all other ecclesiastical officials in the Riding to enforce at once the Chapter's mandate for the due payment of thraves to the Chapter. For nearly a whole year nothing more transpires. But in January, 1304, the Archbishop was on the war-path again. From Cawood, on 6 Jan., 1304 (i. 5), he issued a letter to the Chapter of Beverley, reminding them how, formerly (*dudum*) he had in the Minster in the presence of many of them and a multitude of clerics and people, publicly and solemnly, with candles lighted and extinguished, denounced as excommunicate all violators of the Archbishop's liberty in Beverley, secret or open, in the town, or outside the town in the neighbouring towns, or in parks or other places pertaining to the liberty; although all such violators *ipso facto* incurred the sentence of greater excommunication solemnly pronounced four times a year in the Minster against all those infringing the liberty of S. John. He now requires them to publish this sentence not only in the church on Sundays and feast days but in the market-place when full; and to find out the names of any such violators and send them to him by Mid Lent. We can hardly doubt that this letter was directed against the Provost and his people. For the day before directions issued to the Official of the Court of York, directing him to stop the proceedings against James of Avysio, "who calls himself rector of Patrington," to send up the records to the Archbishop himself, and cite the said persons to appear before the Archbishop at Cawood on Thursday after the Purification of the Virgin, which was on 2 February. This James of Avisio with his foreign name was no doubt the Provost's cousin, mentioned in the letter to the King. He was rector of Stratford-on-Avon, and widely beneficed in England elsewhere.

On 25 Feb. the case was remitted to the Official, with directions to admit any one the Archbishop might collate to Patrington, if it was declared by judgment to be vacant, as its collation would then fall to him by lapse.

On 14 March (p. 191) the Official sitting in the chapel of Our Lady and the Holy Angels, the collegiate church which stood on the north side of the nave of York Minster, as special commissioner of the Archbishop, collated Sir William of Soothill (Sothill), priest, to the living of Patrington and invested him bodily in the same "by our glove"; and the same day a letter issued in the name of the Archbishop to the Official reciting how he had pronounced judgment that the living was vacant and passed to the Archbishop by lapse and had collated Soothill, and thereupon determining the commission. Next day a commission issued to Robert of Scorbrough (Scoreburg) to induct Soothill and defend him when inducted.

Meanwhile the Archbishop proceeded against the Provost himself. On 2 March* he addressed a summons "to his beloved son in Christ," "Whereas by canon law it was prohibited that anyone should hold several dignities, parsonage churches, or ecclesiastical benefices, to which cure of souls is attached, without special dispensation from the apostolic see; but he has taken and still holds the precentorship of Lyons and the provostries of Lausanne and Beverley . . . to all and singular of which cure of souls is annexed, and also is rector of the parish church of Dungarvan (Duncarvan), and converts the profits to his own use," "Therefore on the instigation of his conscience and in execution of his office", the Archbishop summoned him to appear on Tuesday after Mid Lent Sunday in York Minster to show his dispensations "if he has any." On the 7 March* the (Rural) Dean of Harthill was informed that "the said Aymo craftily, as we have been given to understand, avoiding the summons and mandate, has maliciously contrived that our letters may not reach the said Aymo personally." So the Dean was directed to go to the Minster next Sunday and also to the Bedern and peremptorily summon the said Aymo; and if he is not there to publish and give the summons while high mass is being sung" (what would be thought of the person who nowadays served a writ in the middle of the communion service?) "to his proctor if he has one, or at all events to the clerks and laymen known as his intimates and friends, in the mother tongue" (was that English or French?—probably the latter) "so that there may be no secret about it, and to leave a copy on the high altar of the church, and in the hall of the Bedern." Another letter was sent the same day to the same Dean to the same effect to cite Aymo in general terms to appear and answer what might be objected against him. In this letter the Archbishop says he had sent the summons to Aymo's "prebendal house where before he had spent no little time and was believed certainly to be found." The same day another line of attack was opened up by a letter to the Chapter of Beverley reciting that the prebends of Beverley "must be held by priests (*sacerdotales existant*) by its first institution and ordinance"—referring no doubt to the "seven minster prestes" of Athelstan's Charter, of which anon—"but Aymo de Carto their fellow canon and brother who has obtained one of the said priestly prebends is not yet ordained priest," so they are to warn him to be ordained within the canonical time. If they could not serve the warning on him personally the procedure was to be the same as in the other case, the copy being left in his stall and prebendal house, instead of the high altar and the Bedern.

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* p. 194, from the Archbishop's Register.

Yet another document issued the same day to the Dean of Harthill. "The Apostle says, 'children ought not to lay up treasures for their parents but parents for their children.' It is therefore far from fatherly love when Provosts are grievous to their subordinates. Considering therefore that according to the loud complaints of the clergy and people of the Provostry Aymo de Carto presumes to grieve his subjects as well clerical as lay with immoderate tallages (*talliis*) and exactions without reasonable cause and by undue exactions has extracted and extorts money from them, besides designing other things in derogation of our rights and those of the church of Beverley," therefore he is to go to the Provostry and inhibit Aymo from these exactions. If not, then he was to be summoned as before. On 20 March the Chapter and the four Deans in the East Riding were directed to excommunicate all "the sons of iniquity" who attack William of Sothill's possession of Patrington rectory.

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* i. 7 from the Chapter Act Book.

On 2 April the Archbishop prepared for the final proceedings by a commission to John of Nassington, the Official of the Court of York, and Adam of Hedon, a chantry priest in York Minster, to examine what rights and dispensations Aymo has, if any, for his plurality. Next day he wrote to William of Greenfield, "Chancellor of the illustrious King of England, and canon of York" (he was also Dean of Chichester) to use a little private influence in the proceedings.

"We have just heard (*audivimus de novo*)," he says, "that a royal letter, to be addressed to us on behalf of the Provost, has been formed and framed at the instigation and suggestion of the said Aymo, the purport of which the King has inclosed to you in the letters which he has directed on behalf of Aymo; among other things commanding you to get the said letters sealed with the great seal, if it be found that such a thing can be done or has been hitherto issued from chancery, or can lawfully issue without wrong to any one. Now, as the matter on which this form is conceived merely relies on the spiritual sword, and no way touches the temporal sword, and no such letter has ever before passed through chancery, and if it were to do so now would be to the utmost prejudice of our church and the whole church of God, especially in England, and to the injury and weakening of ecclesiastical franchises; we ask your beloved friendship specially, that if the case is, as we are informed, left by the King to your discretion, you will see to it that no letter issues from chancery, which may any way derogate from the rights of ourself, our church of York, or that of Canterbury, or the whole Church of England. Nor ought the words of others of the court to move you, as you know better what weight attaches to letters of this kind, and what loss and injury might arise to the prelates and the whole church from such letters."

Next month, 1 May (i. 15), the Archbishop hears that Aymo de Carto has been elected a bishop, and proposed to assign everything belonging to the Provostry to William of Hamilton, Dean of York, also, and as we have seen, a chancery official, in payment of a debt. He writes off therefore to the Chapter, who, as he says, knows better than he does how far it's true that the whole subsistence of the Bedern depends on these possessions, and directs them to sequestrate the Provostry. Two days afterwards he hears that by agreement between the Chapter and Hamilton and Carto the corn in three places is to be assigned to meet the Provost's debt to the Dean; he tells them this is illegal without a special convocation of canons, and the assent of the Archbishop, and directs them to sequestrate all the corn wanted for the sustenance of the Bedern for the year. On 8 May (i. 20-1) the Chapter carry out the mandate, saying that they hear Aymo has been elected Bishop of Geneva and is making sale of the Provostry "to get baggage so that he may go to the place where God has provided him with his dignity, to receive it by the grace of God," and sequestrate the whole. On 23 May (i. 16) the Official of York informs the Chapter that Ranletus de Cornelione, Aymo's proctor, has been excommunicated for his contumacy in court, and the Provost for not appearing, and directs them to proclaim the excommunication with bells ringing and candles lighted. Next day (p. 199) the Archbishop directed the Official and his commissary-general to proceed to sentence against Aymo for having despised the monition addressed to him and not taken any steps to be promoted to the priesthood.

The sentence must have been quickly pronounced, for on 3 June, 1304 (p. 200), the Archbishop at Cawood conferred the prebend "late of Aymo de Carto now vacant" on this very Official, John of Nassington, priest, and the Provostry (p. 201) on Mr. Robert of Abberwick (Alberwyk), priest.

The issue mattered very little to the dispossessed Provost and Canon, who had, in fact, as the Archbishop and Chapter had heard, been elected Bishop of Geneva. The Latin name for Geneva, Gebennensis, seems to have sorely puzzled the historians of Beverley. Poulson * calls it Giberenensis, and very wisely does not attempt to identify it; while Oliver, wildly plunging,† says he was made Bishop of Gloucester, a see which did not exist till after the dissolution of monasteries.

It is highly probable that if he had not been elected Bishop, Aymo would not have been deprived quite so easily. On 31 March, Boniface de Carto, his brother, was presented by the King to Dungarvan Church. Aymo soon after set off to Rome, protection being granted him for the purpose on 16 April.‡ The deprivation was probably hurried on so that the filling of the vacancies might fall to the Archbishop, and not to the Pope or the King, who would have claimed the patronage if Aymo had vacated it by promotion. As Bishop of Geneva Aymo merely entered on a family living, being the third Aymo of the same line: Aymo I., 1215 to 1260; Aymo II., 1268-1304; while Aymo III., our ex-Provost, was consecrated 5 Oct., 1304. One of the same family, Aymo, Precentor of Geneva, son of the late Count of Geneva, was, by mandate of Pope Alexander IV.,§ directed to the Archbishop of Vienne, to be admitted Bishop of Viviers, "notwithstanding that the said precentor is not in holy orders." Our Aymo had thus a family dislike to holy orders coupled with a family facility for the enjoyment of the endowments of the church. As late as 2 July, 1306, Aymo de Quarto, Bishop of Geneva, "staying beyond seas," received the King's protection for two years. It does not appear that he ever returned to England. He died 13 Oct., 1311.|| His

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* P. 650. † P. 389. ‡ Pat. 32 Ed. I. m. 22.

§ *Reg. d'Alexandre IV.* par M. Bourel de la Roncière, &c. Paris, 1895, p. 40, No. 149.

|| *Series Episcoporum ecclesiæ catholicæ.* P. P. B. Gams. Ratisbon, 1873, p. 277.

dispossessor, the Archbishop, did not long enjoy his triumph, as on 25 Sept., 1304, the Chapter of York wrote to the Chapter of Beverley to put all his goods there under sequestration as he was dead (i. 32).

On 8 June, 1304, Robert of Abberwick (Alberwyk) was admitted to the vacant Provostry (i. 27). On that day an interesting inventory of its possessions was taken by the Chapter, under the sequestration which had been entrusted to Thomas of Graingham, vicar of S. Peter's altar. If it includes all the furniture, and not merely that which Aymo de Quarto had a claim to, the Bedern was not over luxuriously furnished. In the great hall there was one good dining table, two poor ones (*debiles*); one old tablecloth for the vicars, value 1s.; one of canvas for the serjeants (*servientibus*) and another for the servants (*garcionibus*), worth 8d. each. In the small hall was one table and a trestle form. There is no mention of chairs or forms, but the vicars and servants could hardly have supplied their own. There is no use in following the inventory into the kitchen, especially as the translation of the things described is not very certain. The larder had 20 whole beef carcases and 3 "bacons," and the granary 4 quarters of wheat and 134 quarters of malt, which looks as if the canons were going to have a big brew, and that bread bore a small proportion to the beer.

Who Robert of Abberwick was we do not know. For once in a way the Provost does not seem to have been a civil servant. He does not appear in Foss' pages. Nor was he beneficed in York Minster seemingly. William of Abberwick, probably a nephew, after holding divers prebends, became Precentor in 1321* and canon of Beverley in 1330 (ii. 811). But Robert himself is unknown to fame. He was not even a canon of Beverley, as most other Provosts were. When a disturbance seemed imminent about "certain things which are lately said in our Bedern at Beverley in derogation of the estate of our church, [hitherto ?] not done nor even attempted, by our servants and those of the Provost," the Chapter directed two vicars choral to summon him to attend the Chapter on Thursday before Whitsuntide to treat of a friendly reformation (i. 68). When the day arrived Abberwick's proctor in the Bedern appeared and presented "a probable and proper excuse (*excusationem probabilem et honestam*)" for non-appearance, which the Chapter, "having regard to the estate and honour of the Provost, graciously accepted," and the Chapter adjourned the consideration of what had been attempted by the said proctor, the steward, cooks, bread and beer butlers (*discularium et pincernam*) against the rights and customs of the Bedern.

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* Le Neve's *Fasti.*

It is not a little comic to find William Bowet, the Bedern cook, appearing in Chapter on 5 Nov. following and humbly seeking and obtaining absolution from the excommunication he had incurred "for a certain work . . . a certain little chamber (*camerulam*)" constructed in the Bedern kitchen. It was granted solemnly "with the Psalm Miserere mei Domine," and "the Lord's Prayer and the prayer 'Lord whose office is pity,' and the rest of the requisites in such a case." The same was granted to John the porter by proxy, penance being reserved. There is no subsequent mention of the matter, so probably no penance was done. The incident puts in a laughable light the abuse of the power of the spiritual weapon of excommunication for petty secular ends, which often receives a lurid light when, as in the case of King John, the secular ends were high political objects. We can hardly wonder at the Irish peasants paying their ecclesiastical superiors the homage of imitation in reproducing excommunication as the "boycott."

In July, 1304, when Robert of Abberwick appointed John of Amcoats to a Berfellarship (i. 107), the collation was dated at Auckland, so it seems likely that he was Dean or Canon of that Collegiate Church. On 5 March, 1306, Mr. Richard of Insula was admitted Precentor on collation of Abberwick, but the place at which the appointment was made does not appear. These are the only known acts of his in relation to Beverley. By 28 March, 1306, he was dead. For on that day Archbishop Greenfield's vicar-general, John of Crowcomb (Craucumb), the Archdeacon of the West Riding (i. 115), and a minor clerk in Chancery,* sequestrated the goods of the Provostry; a sequestration which he removed on 11 April, finding that the right to it belonged to the Chapter not the Archbishop (i. 116). Except for the usual difficulties between Abberwick's executors and the Chapter as to the administration of these goods, settled by an agreement on the lines of that between Peter of Chester's executors and Aymo de Carto, this is all we hear of this evanescent Provost, who most probably never set foot in Beverley.

On 3 April, 1306, the King, in the vacancy of the Archbishopric consequent on the death of Thomas of Corbridge, gave the Provostry to his beloved clerk Walter Reynolds (Reginaldi). It is rather astonishing to find a person who had already been tutor to Prince Edward, who was a canon of S. Paul's and of sufficient importance to be Provost of Beverley, borrowing the seal of Sir Walter,† Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, to affix to the appoinment of a proctor to be admitted Provost for him "because his seal was unknown to most." On 13 April Archbishop Greenfield's vicar-general issued a mandate to the Chapter to the same purpose, but the Chapter set this aside as contrary to custom; and, after some demur, because the King's collation was addressed in general terms "to all to whom these presents may come" instead of to the Chapter direct, admitted Reynolds Provost on 24 April.

In the case of Reynolds as in that of his predecessor, there is no evidence of his ever holding a canonry or prebend of Beverley as was usual, and it is highly probable that he was never near the place. He held the Provostry a bare two years, as he was consecrated Bishop of Worcester April, 1308, being then Treasurer of England, an office which he had received almost immediately on Edward II.'s accession, 22 August, 1307. The only document connecting his name with Beverley is one of 28 April, 1308, when his successor in the Provostry, William of Melton, sealed his appointment of a proxy to be admitted in his place with the seal of "the venerable father Sir W. by grace of God elect of Worcester,"

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* Foss. ii. 14. These minor clerks were afterwards known as the Six Clerks.

† Misprinted William.

"because his own seal," as Walter Reynolds' had been only two years before, "is unknown to most."

Yet William Melton had been about the court for years. Coming from Melton in Holderness he was early attached to the household, for Edward II. when writing to the Pope pressing Melton's promotion to the Archbishopric of York said of him* that "he has been constant in my service from the beginning of my life." He first emerges into the light of benefices on 4 Jan., 1296,† when he was presented to the rectory of Reepham (Refham), near Lincoln, in the King's gift by reason of the custody of the lands and heir of John de Nevill, tenant in chief. In 1301, 22 June, he is described as King's clerk when he was appointed to pay the wages of certain soldiers chosen by Hamo de Macy in Wales; and was no doubt an officer of the Exchequer. On the accession of the Prince of Wales, 8 July, 1307, as Edward II., Melton was made Keeper of the Wardrobe, and on 1 Oct., 1307, was Privy Seal. As Keeper of the Wardrobe he had charge of the Great Seal from 21 January, 1308, when Edward took it with him on his journey to Boulogne to marry Isabella of France, till his return on 7 February. He was not technically Keeper, as Foss has shown,‡ the Chancellor, John de Langton remaining in England and using a temporary seal, which was handed by him to Melton when he got back the Great Seal, and deposited in the Exchequer by Melton, now called the King's Secretary§ (Secretarius).

On 10 Jan., 1308,‖ Melton was made Dean of S. Martin's le Grand, the ancient collegiate church of Saxon foundation, which occupied the site of the General Post Office. Next to the deanery of St. Paul's this was probably the best piece of preferment in London. On 20 Feb. he received the rectory of "Fakenhamdam." On 13 Oct. he was made Archdeacon of Barnstaple. On 22 Oct., 1308, he was appointed by Archbishop William Greenfield, himself, as we have seen, an ex-chancellor, to the Provostry of Beverley (i. 228), and on 20 Nov. was admitted to it by the Chapter in the person of William de la Mare, his proctor. The Chapter would not grant him the temporalities, so to speak, or, as they put it, give him the administration of the goods of the Provostry until he appeared in Chapter personally and made the due and customary oath of good administration. The Chapter named 1 Feb. for this purpose, the proctor undertaking that Melton should appear. But when that day arrived there came not William of Melton but a letter in French, under the Privy Seal (which Melton kept), dated 23 January, at (King's) Langley, addressed by the King "to his good people (bonez gents) of the chapitre of Beverlee" to say that his dear clerk was living with him by his command, and he could not let him go, and so he begged them to excuse his coming at "Chandelour," *i.e.* Candlemas, the Purification of the Virgin. On 10 April William de la Mare again appeared with a special form of proxy enabling him to bind the Provost's soul by taking the usual oath on his behalf, and then yielding to the King's entreaty the Chapter allowed his proctor to take the oath and let Melton's nominee, William of Carlisle, into the administration of the Bedern (i. 233). At this time Melton was not yet a canon of Beverley. But this defect was remedied by an exchange with Mr. William of Lincoln, canon of Beverley, for a prebend held by Melton (i. 137) in the collegiate church of Westbury-on-Trym, which Bishop Geoffrey Giffard of Worcester in the thirteenth century, and Bishop Carpenter, ex-Provost of Oriel, in the fifteenth century, made strenuous efforts to convert into a cathedral church, so that they might have a proper chapter of clergy instead of the monks of Worcester.

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* "Nostræ ætatis primordiis nostris insistebat obsequiis," Rymer's *Fœdera*, ii. 107. The words do not at all suggest the inference drawn by Foss, ii. 461, that he was employed in the Prince's education.

† Calendar of Patent Rolls.

‡ Foss, ii. 180.

§ Cal. Close Rolls, 1 Edw. II. m. 11.

‖ Cal. Close Rolls. Order to deliver seizin, 30 Aug. 1308, Pat. 2, Edw. II. pt. i. m. 20.

On 3 May, 1309, Melton was collated by the Archbishop to the prebend lately held by Mr. William of Lincoln,* that namely of S. Michael, made illustrious by the tenure of Thomas à Becket, and was admitted, but by proxy only, on

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* William of Lincoln retired from the prebend in Westbury on 29 Nov., 1311, "propter imbecillitatem." *Worcester Register.* Walter Reynolds, f. 38 b.

20 May. There is no trace of Melton's ever having been in person at Beverley till close on three years later. Even at the general convocation of canons, held once a year, he was only represented by proxy. The form used dated at Berwick-on-Tweed, 15 April, 25 April, 1310, is given. In it Melton says that "through pressure of arduous and great business concerning as well our illustrious Lord the King of England in whose daily service I am notoriously employed as the estate and common advantage of the said kingdom and the happy expedition, by the help of the lord to the Holy Land* by which I am canonically prevented from being absent from the service of the lord King," and begs to be excused, and appoints John of Nassington, the Archbishop's Official or Chancellor, as his proxy. Similar proxies were put in on behalf of Sir John of Sandal, another canon, who was Treasurer of the Exchequer. One of these is particularly interesting as being dated (1256) from "Markingfeld in the Hall of Sir John of Markyngfeld, canon of York," the builder of the existing hall at Markenfield near Ripon, himself a cleric and Exchequer official.

As provost Melton obtained a charter dated at Newcastle, 7 Sept., 1310,† confirming to himself and the canons the Letters Patent of 9 Nov. 5 John, 1203, commanding the men of Holderness to deliver at the doors of the granges of the church thraves as the King did for his demesnes of the Wold (de Waldo) and in default the Justices of England or Sheriff of York to arrest them. He did not cease accumulating benefices. On 28 May, 1311, he obtained the church of Brigham in the archdeaconry of Richmond. The Patent and Close Rolls are full of grants, pardons, commissions, and orders of all kinds made "on the information of Sir William de Melton."

At length, on 5 May, 1312, Melton appeared in person in Chapter not as Provost but as a canon of somewhat junior standing. As a canon he took part in settling a dispute on an illuminating point in the history of grammar schools, whether, namely, the choristers should be admitted without paying fees. He had perhaps come to make preparations for the coming of Lady Margaret, the widow of Edward I. For on 12 July she came and next day heard service in the Minster and is recorded rather grudgingly as having given "a round gold ornament of moderate size, which was at once affixed to S. John's shrine." The Court being now in the neighbourhood on the disastrous expedition against Scotland which ended in Bannockburn, Melton was present in Beverley on 2 April and 20 May, 1314. In the Convocation of 17 Sept., 1316, he was absent, but it is recorded with pride by the Chapter Clerk that "in this year two of the canons were bishops-elect, Melton to York and John of Sandal to Winchester, but nevertheless they were summoned in common form like the rest," *i.e.* as simple canons. When the convocation came Melton was at Rome getting his pall, and Sandal was Chancellor of England. Melton had to pay a heavy price for his confirmation as Archbishop, so he was allowed to hold his provostry and canonry for a considerable time after his consecration, though he had vacated the office of Keeper of the Wardrobe.* It was not till 13 Jan., 1318, that, being present in Beverley, he, as Archbishop, directed the admission of his successor Nicholas Huggate who had been collated by the King on 4 Jan., and was as usual not present in person. Melton, rather unconscionably perhaps, seeing that he had been Provost and Canon all the time, on 27 April, 1318, wrote to the Chapter to have the whole of the "Archbishop's corrody in the Bedern" which had accrued during the vacancy of the archbishopric paid to him to help him to meet the heavy debts he had incurred at Rome. Further payment of these debts was made by the presentation of an Italian, Barnabas Malaspina, who was attached to the Papal Nuncio then in England, to the canonry of S. Michael (i. 339) and also of the Pope's Vice-Chancellor, Cardinal John, to the prebend of Driffield in York Minster, which Melton had held. This prebend was held by a succession of Italians throughout his reign, as was also the archdeaconry of York; which indeed was held by foreigners, occasionally French but most Italians, continuously from 1304 to 1380. Heavy indeed was the price paid by England and the churchmen of England for the rule of the Holy Father. In nearly every cathedral, the chancellorship, in many the deanery, and in all multitudinous prebends were held by Italians. who drained England and its revenues to maintain the venal splendour of the Court of Rome.

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* By an absurd misprint this appears as *terræ sedem* instead of *terræ sanctæ* in the text, i. 287.

† Pat. 4 Edw. II., pt. i. m. ii.

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* Pat. 1315, 4 March ; allowance of debt of King under seals of Ingelram de Warle late, and William de Melton now, Keeper of the Wardrobe. 1316 25 Nov., Melton is described as late Keeper of the Wardrobe.

Of Nicholas of Hugate we first hear in 1308, when he was named second of four proctors appointed by William of Melton to get admission to the Provostry for him. Hugate was of course, as his name shows, a Yorkshireman from Huggate, near Pocklington, in the East Riding. He was about the Court from his youth up. A general release of claims on him by Edward III., 4 Nov., 1334,* says that it is made "in consideration of his manifold services to the King from boyhood." The Calendars of Patent and Close Rolls reveal him as a King's clerk receiving payment in the usual shape of ecclesiastical benefices, *e.g.* the wardenship of S. Nicholas' Hospital outside York; the rectory of Carlow (Catherlegh) in the diocese of Leighlin (pronounced Lochlin) on 24 May, 1308; and on 14 June the church of Scarthoe (Scarthou) in the diocese of Lincolnshire, which he only held for a month. He had already held preferment in Wales in the shape of the King's Free Chapel of Aber at Bangor, which he resigned on 16 April, 1309. On 15 Feb., 1310, he was presented to Benningworth, Lincolnshire.

Nicholas Huggate was described as Treasurer of the Prince, which means the Prince of Wales, afterwards Edward III., when he made his first appearance in Chapter at Beverley, having been appointed to S. James' Prebend on 10 April, 1316. Sixteen years afterwards reference is made to his being still Treasurer of the household of the King "before he assumed the governance of the realm." † On 2 Jan., 1318, Huggate was appointed Provost by Edward II. by virtue of the vacancy in the see on Greenfield's death and was, as we have seen, admitted 15 Jan., 1318, by the new Archbishop, one of the proctors who appeared for him being William de la Mare, probably his successor in the office. Huggate held the Provostry for no less than twenty years. At Beverley his steward was Simon of Huggate, presumably a relation, who was apparently an active man of business. He got the abbot, prior, sub-prior, and all the officers of Meaux Abbey excommunicated for not paying a judgment debt of £20 (i. 371); and after a process extending from 24 May, 1319 to 28 (misprinted 21) March, 1320 (i. 375), made the tenants of Earl Percy at Leconfield (Leckingfield) pay tithe of hay in respect of which they alleged the Earl had a "privilege." For some fifteen years there is no trace of the presence of Huggate at Beverley. He duly exercised his powers of patronage of chancellorship, sacristy, and the like, but his letters of collation are always dated from London, where he was assiduously engaged in the public service and in filling up preferments. Thus in 1327 he was given a house in York forfeited by Mr. Michael de Harcla. On 9 April, 1328, he was given the prebend of Kynaston in the Collegiate Church of Wolverhampton, but had to give it up again a year afterwards as it was found that the Dean of Wolverhampton had the right of presentation. A prebend in the College of Wingham (Wengham), Kent, previously held by John de Grandison, Bishop of Exeter, proved a more lasting treasure. But Huggate eventually obtained the Wolverhampton prebend 6 Dec., 1330, twenty years afterwards, during the vacancy of the deanery by the death of this same dean.

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* Cal. Pat. Rolls.

† Cal. Pat. Rolls, 1332, 31 March.

In 1330 and 1331 when as we said (i. ci. *seq.*) there was an organised conspiracy of the parochial clergy of the East Riding against the payment of thraves, Huggate was diligent in his attendance at the convocations and chapters of canons (ii. 91-9) and was deputed by the canons to represent them in Parliament. His bill for his journey and stay there on the business, 35 days, going, staying, and returning, "in bread, wine, beer, flesh, fish, hay, oats, and the like," came to £22 2s. 1¼d. besides £7 9s. 11d. for the fees of the Chancellor, Master of the Rolls, and the writing of a charter, cords of green silk and everything "except the King's fee." He also asked for ten marks for loss of a baggage animal, and £6 15s. for costs of a suit in the ecclesiastical court of York against Sir Ichorius Concorreto, rector of Kirk Ella

(Elveley). The charter in question appears to be that on the Patent Roll, 30 Nov., 1330, an inspeximus and confirmation of a charter of 7 Sept. 4 Edward II., itself inspecting and confirming letters patent of 5 John, recognising the right to thraves, even from the king's own lands.

In 1332, Hugate was apparently retiring from public life, as he obtained from the King a release of all debts due from him when Receiver of Gascony or Keeper of the Wardrobe or in any other office. But the Beverley business still dragged on, in spite of the royal charter, and it was not till Hugate had obtained a royal letter to the Archbishop (p. 109) and the Archbishop had directed every rector in the deanery of Harthill to be warned against "putting his sickle in another's crop" that the conspiracy came to an end. The Thomas of Hugate, chaplain, who bore the banner of S. John of Beverley in the expedition against Scotland in 1335 (p. 112), was no doubt a relation of this Provost.

It was about this year that the famous rhymed charter of King Athelstan to Beverley was first composed (p. 280), and the learned Provost may well be credited with a share in its composition. A very large part of it, 31 lines out of 80, devoted to the right to thraves and the power of arrest for non-payment, strongly suggests that the whole document was concocted for the sake of meeting the conspiracy of the East Riding rectors against the payment of the thraves.

Another document of this time (p. 304), an amusing anticipation of Rabelais' and Sir Walter Besant's Abbey of Thelema, depicts the canons of Beverley in a not wholly creditable light. An Anglo-French satirist tells his hearers the story of a new Religious Order "which is very delightful and fine," which is called the Order of Fair Ease, Bel Eyse, in parody of Bella Landa, (Byland), Bello Loco (Bewley), Bello capite (Beauchief), and the Prior of Durham's Bello redditu (Beau repair, now Bear Park). This order is eclectic, taking all the best points from every other order, good eating from one, good sleeping from another, and so on. "From Beverley they have taken a point, which will be well and straitly kept, to drink well at dinner, and thence afterwards to supper; and afterwards at collation, each must have a piece of candle as long as to the elbow, and as long as there is a gutter of the candle to burn, the brethren must drink hard." As pointed out in a note (p. 304) there is no reason to suppose that the canons of Beverley were particularly hard drinkers. It was of the copiousness of their food rather than of their drink that Fulk Basset and others complained. They were probably only selected because the word Bever in Norman-French, from which boire is a corruption, suggested drinking, and Bevers was a regular term for a set drinking time.* Thus in the *Promptorium Parvulorum* is given "Bever. Drinkinge tyme, Biberrium." Marlowe in *Faustus* talks of "30 meals a day and 10 bevers." At Winchester until about 1860 there was still an interval in afternoon school from 4.30 to 5 p.m. called "Bevers," though beer had ceased to be served during it; and at Eton the beer itself survived, and was only abolished, according to Sir Henry Maxwell Lyte's *History of Eton College*, in 1890. In a case reported in the *Times*, 26 Nov., 1891, at Houghton Regis in Bedfordshire, a witness said "when he passed by Brewer's Hill Farm he called for 'beaver,' which he explained as 'bread, beer, and cheese.'" So we may absolve Hugate and his brethren of any real charge of excessive drinking. The further point in the Order of Fair Ease taken from the Canons Secular at large, with no particular reference to Beverley, that they were to pay particular attention to the ladies, is due no doubt not to their being more given to running after the female sex than most clerics, but to their being as it were men about town, courtiers, and so on, and therefore more attractive to ladies (dames) properly so called.

On 24 June, 1338, Provost Hugate died—apparently at Beverley. His will, the date of which is not given, but it was proved on 13 July, is set out at full length in the Chapter Act Book (p. 123 *seq.*). He directed his body to be buried in the Minster, and gave £100 (= £2,000) to be spent at his funeral on "lights and other necessaries" and the poor. He gave a mark to every house of friars in the county of York which he could think of, and as he thought of them, these gifts being spotted about all over the will; the Preaching Friars and Friars' Minors of Beverley being duly remembered among them. Each vicar choral of the Minster received 3s., each deacon, sub-deacon, and acolyte 2s. The same gifts were made to York Minster. To each Minster he gave a palfrey (palafridum) or 10 marks sterling, £6 13s. 4d.; this was the customary and compulsory gift of a canon, in the nature of a mortuary; to Lincoln Cathedral and S. Martin's le Grand, where he was also a canon, 10 marks and 100s. respectively. The church of his native place, Huggate, was given 5 marks with a new missal with music, a tropar and a great breviary of the use of York, while the parish chaplain received a mark and the parish clerk 3s.

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* *Winchester Word-Book.* By R. G. K. Wrench. 1901. See the N. E. D. *s.v.* Bever.

Relations received little. His sister Alice was given £20 and the silver-plated cups, 4 cows and 100 sheep, and her daughter Margaret 5 marks, a piece of plate, 2 cows, and 6 silver spoons. The three daughters of Nicholas Oobay, one of whom was named Aline, received 20s. and a cow each. But the whole of the other legacies do not amount to the enormous sum of £200 (= £4,000) given to hire 60 chaplains to sing daily for a whole year commendation and the evening (Placebo) and morning (Dirige) offices for the dead for his soul.

At York he made a less extensive but more permanent provision by a perpetual chantry. He had license in mortmain in 1331 to acquire lands to the value of £20 a year for six chaplains for a chantry for his soul. Dying before anything was done, on 22 Dec., 1338, his executors obtained a renewal of the license; but this was commuted for a license 3 Feb., 1340, for a house granted to the Vicars of York Minster for the chantry. It was at the altar of S. James, and was only worth £3 6s. 8d. a year in 1548.*

At Beverley too, besides the 60 priests for a year provided by the will, Hugate seems to have made provision for a chantry of Corpus Christi "in the charnell," though it was only carried out by his executor, John of Wilton, long afterwards. License in mortmain was granted in 1348,† but it was not till 23 June, 1352, that the foundation was completed by a grant to the Chapter, still extant among the Town Records of Beverley.* Houses in Highgate, Fishmarket-morgate, and Keldgate, Beverley, for a chaplain to celebrate at an altar to be constructed in honour of Corpus Christi either at the north side of S. James' altar or at the head of the tomb of S. John of Beverley or elsewhere with the consent of John of Wilton. The appointment of the chaplain was vested in the Warden and Brethren of the Corpus Christi Gild, a gild consisting wholly of priests, one of the earliest of Corpus Christi gilds in England, the ordinances† of which date from about 1330, and were probably therefore made under the superintendence of Hugate.

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* *Yorkshire Chantries*, II. 33. Surtees Society.

† Inq. ad quod damnum, 22 Edward III., No. 34.

I believe that we may still look on the features of this, the first Provost, who is (now for the first time) known to have been buried in Beverley Minster, in the figure of the priest in gorgeous vestments embroidered with shields of arms which now lies on a beautifully carved tomb ‡ on the east side of the north transept. This splendid figure is not in its original place. It was at one time identified § with George Percy, a canon of Beverley, about a century later, sixth son of Henry Percy, Earl of Northumberland, on the strength of a statement of Leland's (p. 345) that "under Eleanor's ‖ tomb lies buried one of the Percys, a prest." Leland cannot be referring to the existing so-called "Percy Shrine," either as regards Eleanor Percy or as regards George. George Percy it cannot be, for he directed his body to be buried "in the north aisle by the tomb of Lady Eleanor Percy," his mother, who died between 14 Nov. and 9 Dec., 1474.¶ The Percy shrine is not in the north aisle, but in the choir itself. The architecture of the "shrine," as of our monument is not that of 1474 but of 1340; a date which exactly fits Nicholas Hugate. Of the 18 shields of arms engraved on the figure, only one, a lion rampant, can by any possibility be attributed to the Percies, while there are none of the Percy badges.* To what family Nicholas of Hugate belonged I have not had time to ascertain. The manor of Huggate is not far from Pocklington, on the Wolds, in the East Riding. The Mauleys were lords of it, and it was in 1333 † in possession of Isabel de Brideshale, no doubt Bridsall. In 1235 Archbishop Gray ‡ granted land in Gouthorp, which he had of the gift of Nicholas de Hugate and Adeline his wife. This may afford a clue, taken together with some of the unidentified shields. The top shield on the maniple shows a bend, and has been said to be a Scrope shield, the famous azure, a bend or; but the Mauleys adopted with the heiress of the Fossards, lords of Mulgrave, or, a bend sable. The second shield, a manch, is said to be Hastings; but the Mauleys' original coat was vair, an arm manched gules. Somewhere the arms should be found of Nicholas of Hugate, Treasurer of Edward III. when Prince of Wales, King's Receiver in Gascony, Keeper of the Wardrobe, canon of York, Lincoln, S. Martin's-le-Grand, Wingham, and Wolverhampton, besides being Provost and canon of Beverley.

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* Thence printed by me in *Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries*, xv. 103.

† *Ibid.* p. 116, from Public Record Office. Chancery Guild Certificates, No. 445.

‡ Gough's *Sepulchral Monuments*, 1796, plate cxiv. p 312.

§ Poulson, p. 695. Oliver, p. 323.

‖ "Eleanor, wife to one of the Lord Percys."

¶ Surtees Society, *Test. Ebor.* iii. 210 ; 14 Nov. date of will ; 9 Dec. date of probate. The will refers to Lady Eleanor as his mother.

One wonders whether Hugate had committed crimes beyond the common, perhaps in Gascony, or whether he had a tenderer conscience or more superstitions than usual, that he made such extensive provision for altars to Dis Manibus, and required not a forty but a sixty parson power to keep him out of the fires of purgatory. It is satisfactory to learn that after this tremendous sacrifice for his dwelling in the next world he left one of his mansions in this world, the prebendal mansion of S. James, in a good state of repair, having received it almost in ruins. Anthony of Goldesborough succeeded him in the prebend (p. 120).

The next Provost was William de la Mare, collated by the Archbishop,* 24 June, 1338. Of him, not being in the service of the King like most of the former and later Provosts, nothing has hitherto been known. He seems, like his uncle, Archbishop Melton, in whose service he was, to have come from Melton-on-Humber. The recently-published calendars of Papal Registers and Patent Rolls enable us partially to trace his career, although some care has to be used to prevent confusion with others of the same name. For instance, he can hardly be the William de la Mare who appears as proctor of Melton when admitted Provost 28 April, 1308 (i. 227, 232), and of his successor on a like occasion (i. 344). On the other hand, he is the William de la Mare who appears in the Papal Registers almost immediately after Melton's accession to the archbishopric, as "provided" by the Pope 27 July, 1318, at the Archbishop's request, with the "perpetual portion" of Osmotherley (Osmundelby) in the diocese of York. This is said to have been void by the cession of Ralph de Erghom, who had held it in plurality without dispensation. That is, the Archbishop turned out a man for a breach of the canon law to put in his nephew, who by canon law had still less right to hold it, for at the time he was just 16 years old. This appears from a further Papal provision made on 16 May, 1321, for William de la Mare of a canonry in York Minster with reservation of a prebend and dispensation to hold it, though only 19 years old. That is, he was made a canon of York at large, without emoluments, with the right to claim a prebend when one should fall vacant. There are many examples of this at Beverley in our Chapter Act Book.

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* "*The Old Heraldry of the Percys,*" by W. H. Longstaffe, *Archaeologia Æliana*, new series, iv. 170.

† Calendar Inquisitions post mortem, 17 Edw. II., No. 71. ‡ *Reg.* p. 247.

He is called William de la Mare of Melton when, on Valentine's Day, 1319,† he was fourth of the witnesses to a deed executed at Thorp, *i.e.* Bishopthorp, the Archbishop's manor, the first being the Archbishop himself, the second Mr. Richard of Melton, rector of Brandsburton, and the third Sir Richard of Melton, rector of Gilling. By this deed John, son of Geoffrey Neucomen of Wyntryngham, released to Philip of Wyntryngham, dwelling in Melton by Humber, his uncle, his rights in certain lands in Melton, presumably Melton family property.* He is probably the William de la Mare who was a commissioner for sewers for the river Don and Isle of Axholme (Haxiholm) on 4 May, 1328, and was again a commissioner on 28 Aug., 1333, to discover who had been poaching by taking fish during the close season on the Ouse, between the Humber and Aire. He is certainly the Treasurer of York Minster whom Le Neve records as appointed in 1329 and succeeded in 1330 by a Roman Cardinal.† The Patent Rolls on 28 July, 1329, refer to him as Treasurer of York. The Papal Register explains. On 1 April, 1330, Pope John XXII. at Avignon provided Peter, Cardinal of S. Stephen's on the Cœlian Hill, to the Treasurership of York, about which, says the Bull, there had been a suit between Walter de Bedewynde and Francis Caetani, probably a son of the Cardinal S. Mariæ in Cosmedin, who appears in our Act Book as Gaytanus, on the election of the Archbishop of Bordeaux as Pope Clement V. (i. 76). Bedwind died before the suit was over, and Francis Caetani, though a Papal chaplain, announced his intention of marrying (and eventually did so), whereon the Pope reserved all his ecclesiastical benefices to himself. The Pope states that William de la Mare is "said to hold" the office of Treasurer, notwithstanding which and notwithstanding Francis Caetani having placed his rights under the suit in the Archbishop's hands, and notwithstanding any other impediment, Peter the Cardinal is to be made Treasurer. A year later, however, 15 Aug., 1331, the Bishops of Winchester, Worcester, and Itherius de Concoreto,‡ canon of Salisbury, who was a Papal agent much beneficed in England (he appears in the Chapter Act Book on 6 Nov., 1330, as rector of Elveley (Kirk Ella), and was one of the leaders of the conspiracy against the payment of thraves to Beverley Minster), were directed to summon William de la Mare to appear and produce all documents concerning the Treasurership. In this new Bull he is said to have disregarded the Papal mandate in favour of Cardinal Peter, and to have ill treated those who came to execute it;

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* *Reg. Melton*, f. 118, 8 Kal. Jul. He is described as magister and as canon of York.

† Cal. Close Rolls, 12 Edw. II. m. 13 and 14 Feb. $131\frac{8}{9}$ enrolled next day.

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* Cal. Close Rolls, Edw. II.

† *Fasti Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ.*

‡ He appears as Ichorius in the Chapter Act Book, and I suspect Itherius of being a misreading of the Papal Register.

thereby, incurring excommunication. This Bull again was a *brutum fulmen*, as in February, 1333, a new Bull issued to the Bishops of Winchester and Salisbury and Itherius de Concoreto to sequestrate the Treasurership; and this was followed by another on 7 March of the same year to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of Winchester, and Conquereto (*sic*), saying that the Bishop of Winchester had been unable to act alone. John of Sandal being a friend and colleague of Archbishop Melton, was perhaps unwilling to act against him. As nothing more appears, it may be assumed that the Cardinal got the Treasurership at last; but it is pleasing to find our future Provost thus able to hold out against this piece of Papal presumption for more than three years.

As Provost, de la Mare only appears in one transaction affecting Beverley in the Chapter Act Book, and that one shows him as following the example of his uncle, the Archbishop, in looking after his relations. On 7 April, 1340 (p. 133), Mr. William of Cottam (Cotum) appeared in Chapter and produced a letter of William de la Mare, Provost, to the Chapter, reciting that the office of goldsmith of the Minster and the corrody attached to it was vacant by the death of "John of ——"—the MS. is defective here—and was in the Provost's collation, so he had appointed his brother, Richard de la Mare, to the same. The goldsmiths had by this time apparently become a sinecure and non-resident office. For though John the Goldsmith on 2 June, 1305 (i. 50), reported that there had been a waste of £10 14s. of the silver delivered to him for making S. John's shrine, yet it seems doubtful whether he was the official goldsmith in receipt of the official salary, since on 20 Jan., 1305, a monition was directed to the goldsmith as well as to the mason to come into personal residence, and this was addressed on 27 Feb. to Henry Maynel (i. 55) or Moingvil (i. 156), and the Archbishop on 21 Sept., 1306, wrote to the Chapter not to proceed against him to compel him "to come and make phials and incense burners and other ecclesiastical ornaments, as he was in the Archbishop's daily service, anxious and laborious, with the King at Hexham."

One of the reforms of Archbishop Arundel (p. 275) was to abolish the offices of the goldsmith, mason, and bellmaker, the Chapter undertaking their duties. William de la Mare's letter is dated at Cawood, one of the Archbishop's manors, so that he was no doubt just as much in the court of the Archbishop then as he had been before he became Provost.

On 12 Feb., 1342, William de la Mare, Provost of Beverley, appears in the Patent Rolls as the first of four persons to whom the custody of the temporalities of the see had been assigned on the death of Archbishop William of Melton.

In 1344 and 1347 * he sued his bailiff, Thomas de Ryse, for an account. In 1348 † the Prior of Bridlington was called on ‡ to acquit John de Gemelyng of certain services due to Provost William de la Mare for a tenement held of the priory. In 1343 and 1349 he was the recipient of Papal mandates under the title of Canon of York. In 1358 § he received a handsome bequest from his brother Thomas, who held the vicarage of Welwick in the Provost's gift and was a canon of York, in the shape of 6 silver dishes, with 6 saltcellars, and 6 silver spoons, a falcon, and 2 silver pots and 2 chargers (chargeours) of silver. The Calendars of the Patent Rolls for the later years of de la Mare's Provostry not having yet appeared, further information about his career is not forthcoming. He brought his Provostry to an end himself in 1360 by exchanging it with Richard of Ravenser for the rectory of Waltham in the diocese of Lincoln.||

There has been great uncertainty about the date of Provost Richard of Ravenser. Poulson puts his appointment in 1347, Dugdale in 1360, and Oliver in 1365. Torre's unpublished list rightly gives 4 Oct., 1360, the date of the Archbishop's consent to the exchange with de la Mare.

Like his immediate predecessor Ravenser was a Yorkshireman from the East Riding, from the once flourishing seaport of Ravenser, near the mouth of the Humber, now beneath the

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* *Yorkshire Archæol. Soc. Record* Series xvii. 7-8, from De Banco Rolls.

† Hil. 15 Edw. III. m. 193 d, and East. 21 Edw. III. m. 16.

‡ *Ibid.* from De Banco Roll, Hil. 22 Edw. III. m. 212.

§ Surtees Society. *Test. Ebor.* i. 68, dated 26 Sept., proved 20 Oct., 1358.

|| *Reg. Thoresby*, f. 46 d. Letter from John, Bishop of Lincoln, to Archbishop Thoresby, 1 Oct., and consent of Archbishop, 4 Oct., 1360.

sea waves. He was a King's clerk, but was closely connected with two Queens. In 1358 he was administrator of the estates of the Queen-mother Isabella. He was afterwards Privy Purse to Queen Philippa, whom he regarded as his special patron.

In 1357 he was Clerk to the Hanaper, and as such in 1363 ordered to move the Chancery Rolls from the Tower to keep them safe till the chests were repaired.* He was a Master in Chancery from 1362 to his death in 1386. He first emerges into canonries in 1359, when he acquired the prebend of Welton Brinkhall in Lincoln Cathedral. The same year he became Archdeacon of Norfolk, but only for a year. In 1361, 15 Sept., the King gave him the prebend of Hoxton in S. Paul's, and on 13 Nov. that of Wellington in Hereford.

Becoming Provost of Beverley in 1360, it was not till 1361, 25 June, that a Papal provision to a prebend there was asked for by the King for him. It seems doubtful whether he actually obtained a prebend till 16 Sept., 1363, when he exchanged his Lincoln prebend with Roger of Nassington for that of S. Martin, Beverley, which Nassington had held ever since 1325 (p. 75). A month after he obtained another prebend at Lincoln, that of Empingham, which he held till 1384. In 1364 he was Master of S. Leonard's Hospital, York. In 1368 he succeeded no less a person than William of Wykeham as Archdeacon of Lincoln.

On 1 Oct., 35 Edward III., *i.e.* 1361 (p. 325), the King confirmed and renewed to his beloved clerk Richard of Ravenser, Provost of Beverley, a charter of King John, to the effect that any possessions which had been alienated from the Provostry might be recovered by judgment in the Provost's Court; and this in spite of non-user.

In 1365 † he was still Provost, as there is extant a receipt by him to Alan Bell, parson of Scrivelsby, Lincolnshire, Receiver of the Bedern, for £20, part of £30 19s. 7d. due to Ravenser from a previous receiver of the Bedern.

How, why, or when he ceased to be Provost is not ascertained. It was probably by exchange with Adam de Lymbergh, the next Provost, about 1369.

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* Close Rolls, 34 Edward III. m. 33.

† Brit. Mus. Lansd. Ch. 319.

Ravenser retained his prebend, and does not seem to have lost his interest in Beverley.* For on 20 Oct., 1377, for 60s. paid by the King's clerks, Ravenser, Walter of Skirlaw, and Robert of Beverley, a license in mortmain was granted for gifts in aid of S. Michael's chantry, lately founded. On 1 July, 1378, another license was granted for the alienation to Richard of Ravenser, canon of Beverley, of two-thirds of the manor of Bentley, and the reversion expectant on the death of Joan, widow of Thomas of Bentley, knight, of the other one-third, the whole yearly value of the manor being £8; and finally, on 20 Oct., 1380, for 40s. paid by Ravenser, a further license was granted to him and Walter Skirlaw, then Archdeacon of the East Riding, for grant of three messuages in Beverley to the chaplain at S. Michael's altar. The second license sets out that the chantry was to be for two chaplains to pray for the soul of Ravenser, the two Queens, Isabella and Philippa, Edward III., and others, and was in part satisfaction of a license by King Edward III. up to £10. In the British Museum the title deeds of this chantry are preserved, including a grant, 10 May, 1371,† by John of Ravenser and others, who are clearly trustees, to John of Bentley of a rent of £10 out of two-thirds of the manor of Bentley, which they hold by grant of John of Bentley, if they omit to provide a chaplain in Beverley Minster for the King, John of Bentley, Beatrice his mother, and Thomas of Grauntsone his brother, Queen Isabella, and Queen Philippa, for a year, and within that time to convey the two-thirds and one-third in mortmain.

It is not a little mysterious how this manor of Bentley had to be purchased again for the use of the Minster, seeing that in Domesday Book it appears among the possessions of the Chapter, value temp. Edward the Confessor 20s., but then waste, while as we have already seen it was regranted to the Minster by the Earl of Lincoln in King Stephen's reign. Probably it was one of those very alienations for which Ravenser had obtained a confirmation of John's charter, enabling him to recover them by decree of his own Provostry Court, a curious contravention of the dogma against a man being judge in his own cause. Once regained by Ravenser it remained in the possession of the Chapter as part of its fabric fund to the end. It was worth in 1450* £60 a year, but this included a heavy and no doubt exceptional fall of timber worth £22 odd, and the net income from land was only about £20. There were three chantry chaplains supported out of it, two celebrating for the soul of Ravenser and one for Lady Idonea Percy, while a payment of £3 6s. 8d. was made to the chaplain of S. Katharine's Chantry, "antiently founded in the said church, but now gone to decay."

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* See below under Adam de Lymbergh.

† Lansd. ch. 425.

Ravenser also founded a hospital or almshouse at Beverley for a master or chaplain and twelve poor men, of which the community or corporation of Beverley, the burgesses, were the trustees, the license being dated 3 July, 1378; while in 1380, 28 Nov., he obtained another license for a similar hospital and chantry chaplain in Trinity Church, Hull, the endowment of which was vested in the Prior of Guisborough.† Another chantry he founded in York in connection with S. Leonard's Hospital, of which he was master, of which Fountains Abbey was made trustee, 13 April, 1380. The manor of Stretton, near Lincoln, was acquired for the archdeaconry of Lincoln from the Earl of Angus, 9 Nov., 1380, for obit in the cathedral and twelve poor in S. Giles Hospital there: by license of 10 July, 1383, grants were made for S. Edmund's chantry in the old hospital of Spital-in-the-Street, near Lincoln; and by his will, made 17 May, 1386,‡ he founded another chantry.

By his will he gave £20 to the Minster if he died in Yorkshire, in which case he directed his burial to be in the Minster. He did die in Lincoln, and was buried in Lincoln Cathedral.

Of the next Provost, Adam de Lymbergh, Poulson merely says "nothing certain is known." Oliver gives his date as 1370, and describes him as Constable of Burdegalia (which is Bordeaux) and one of the Privy Council, thus confusing him with one of the same name who was either his father or uncle. This elder Adam de Lymbergh, from Great Limber, between Brigg and Grimsby in Lincolnshire, is described on 15 Nov., 1310,* as King's clerk, and was allowed to hold in plurality at the King's request the rectories of "Yrdeburghe" (?Yarborough) and Rye. Other livings and canonries at Chichester, Dublin, Lincoln followed. He was Remembrancer of the Exchequer from 1311 to 1321, when he became Constable of Bordeaux; from 1328 to 1331 he was Privy Seal, and the Patent Rolls between those years are full of grants "on the information of Adam de Lymbergh." In 1331 he became Chancellor of Ireland, though from the number of legal commissions on which he served in England, particularly in Lincolnshire and the East Riding of Yorkshire, about the same time, it would not seem that he troubled Ireland with his presence. On 9 Nov., 1334, he became a Baron of the Exchequer.† He was dead on 18 April, 1339, when the King presented to the living of Algarkirk, his family living, by reason of his lands being in the King's hands.

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* *Beverley Minster Fabric Roll*, in possession of the Town Council; printed by me in *East Riding Antiquarian Society's Transactions* for 1898-9, vol. vi. p. 56, vol. vii. p. 1.

† *Guisboro' Chartulary*, ii. 276 and 287.

‡ *Proceedings of Archæological Institute at Lincoln*, 1848, p. 316.

Our man first appears in the Patent Rolls as being presented to the rectory of Addle (Adel), near Leeds, on 15 Sept., 1343,‡ by reason of the temporalities of the Prior of Holy Trinity, York, being in the King's hands as an alien priory during war with France. On 1 Dec. the same year he acted as attorney in a case in Banco of *Rex* v. *F. Chamberlayn,* but for the defendant, not for the King, and a few days later appeared for a defendant in an action brought by the Prior of Bolyngton.

Whether he was related to one Tidemann de Lymbergh, "merchant of Almain," who in 1343 and 1344 § was much concerned in loans to the King, who had pawned his jewels and "great crown" for £8,062 10s., or to Robert de Lymbergh, who assisted the Dean of Lincoln to rescue a man on his way to execution and was pardoned for it, 10 May, 1343, does not appear, but it seems probable. His family name seems to have been Cook, since on 10 July, 1383, having entered without license from the Crown, on a croft in Great Limber, one John Harrison, for obtaining a grant of it from his heiress, Beatrice, daughter of Robert Cook, of (Great) Lymbergh, brother of Adam, late canon of Lincoln, deceased, paid half a mark for pardon. Cook may of course have been the professional and not the family name of Lymbergh's brother.

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* Cal. Pap. Reg.

† Foss, iii. 459.

‡ This and other references, when not otherwise mentioned, are from the Calendars of Patent Rolls.

§ Cal. Pat. Rolls.

On 8 May, 1350, the Pope * confirmed him in the prebend of Sixty Shillings in Lincoln Cathedral, and 21 June, 1315, Mary de S. Paul, Countess of Pembroke, obtained a Papal dispensation for her Council, including Adam de Limburgh, to hold benefices in plurality. It is doubtful when he became and how he became Provost, whether by Papal provision or royal appointment, or in the normal way by collation by the Archbishop. The probabilities are against normality, as the Archbishops' Registers at York do not appear † to contain any record of collation or institution. Simon Russell mentions "Magister Adam de Lymbergh" (p. 306) as Provost between Richard of Ravenser and the venerable and circumspect man Mr. John of Thoresby. Three documents connect him with Beverley. Two of them ‡ are mere mentions of him as Provost in suits relating to property of the Provostry. A more serious document § is a commission by the Crown, 15 July, 1371, to the Archbishop (Thoresby) and the King's household (familiari) clerk, Richard of Ravenser, Archdeacon of Lincoln. "Not without disturbance of mind" has the King heard "that Adam of Lymbergh, now Provost, not knowing the efficacious and real meaning of his title, who ought to preside over and profit (præesse pariter et prodesse) the said church, takes away from the canons, clerks, servants, and other ministers of the church

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* Cal. Papal Petitions.

† Mr. W. Brown was kind enough to search the Registers for me, but in vain.

‡ *Yorkshire Monastic Notes* (Yorks. Archæol. Soc. Record series), p. 8, from De Banco Rolls, Easter, 44 Edw. III. m. 2 b, and Easter, 45 Edw. III. In the latter he sued John de Boythorpe for cutting down trees at Walkington worth 100*s*.

§ *Beverley Documents from the Record Office*, by W. Brown. E. R. Antiquarian Society, 1897, p. 36, from Pat. 45 Edw. III. pt. ii. m. 30.

their vital sustenance and converts their common and daily food to his own use, . . . whereby it happens that some beneficed canons, vicars, clerks (etc.), leading a life of poverty, are too weak to undertake divine service there, and so divine worship is diminished and the right of the church and its ministers contrary to all right depreciated." The King "knowing that the provisions, goods, and rents of the Provostry were in no small degree increased by the industry of you, Richard, who long ruled over the Provostry profitably and laudably, and which are now so abundant that they are more than sufficient for supporting the ancient charges on the same, especially for the daily and continuous maintenance of the canons," etc., commits to the Archbishop and Ravenser, "having confidence in their knowledge of the law," his office. They are to call the Provost before them and examine him and compel him to "pay and satisfy the portion or distribution made to each of the canons and others every day in bread, beer, meat, fish, and other victuals," with power to take away the possessions set aside for meeting these charges.

The result does not appear. But it was probably in consequence of the proceedings under this commission that Adam of Lymbergh's Provostry ceased by his removal or resignation.

John of Thoresby succeeded Adam of Lymbergh. Poulson and Oliver identify him with his uncle, the Archbishop of the same name, who had been of the usual type of King's clerks, Master of the Rolls 1341, Privy Seal 1345, Chancellor from 16 June, 1349, to 27 Nov., 1356, Bishop of St. David's 1347, of Worcester 1349, Archbishop of York 22 Oct., 1352, died 6 November, 1373. To fit in the dates Oliver makes the Archbishop not die in 1373 but retire to the Provostry "weary of the labours and vicissitudes of a public life," which weariness did not, however, prevent his being Privy Seal in 1376 and Provost for 14 years afterwards. The Provost was of quite a different stamp to his uncle. He was not an active lawyer and civil servant, but an Oxford Professor. In 1353 the Papal Petitions show John, archbishop-elect, asking for and obtaining a prebend at Lichfield for his nephew John de Thoresby, B.C.L. In 1363 William Willis, esquire of the Kings of England and of Cyprus, asked for the church of Brantingham for him, and in 1364 Thoresby obtained a dispensation to hold it without residing, he being a doctor of civil law, who, after his doctorate, had continued for some years to lecture in the University on civil and canon law. He is no doubt rightly identified by Dr. Fowler* with Mr. John Thoresby, who 7 March, 1361, was one of Archbishop Thoresby's commissioners to visit Ripon Minster; but the notary public who in 1329 was directed by Archbishop Melton to induct William of Popelton into the Hospital of S. Mary Magdalen, Ripon, is quite certainly not the same, but perhaps Archbishop Thoresby himself. The vicar of Oundle, 1343-7, is certainly the Archbishop, not the Provost. On 7 Sept., 1367, our man was given the prebend of Grindal in York Minster. On 19 Dec., 1370, he exchanged with another Oxford man, John Turk, fellow of Merton, his prebend of Offley at Lichfield for that of Nunwick at Ripon.† On 22 Nov., 1371, he obtained from Gregory IX. a Papal dispensation to hold a benefice in Durham diocese,‡ value 50 to 60 marks a year, notwithstanding his prebends in York and Ripon and church of Lilleford of the value of 80 marks a year. He is described as "our Chancellor" in a commission by his uncle to visit Guisboro' Priory 22 Jan., 137$\frac{2}{3}$.§

On 20 April, 1373, Mr. John of Thoresby, LL.D., was collated by the Archbishop to the Provostry, and was ordered to be inducted by delivery of our biretta (per biretti nostri tradicionem). A month or two later he obtained from the Pope a confirmation of the Provostry which he had been given on a vacancy caused by Adam de Lymbergh, and now doubts whether it was reserved to the Pope, presumably because Lymbergh had received it from the Pope. The confirmation was only granted on condition that Lymbergh was not a member of the Papal household, and that Thoresby resigned Lilleford church on getting the Provostry. This Papal confirmation was probably a wise precaution, as very soon afterwards his uncle the Archbishop died, the Provost being an executor of his will,* dated 12 Sept., 1373.

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* *Memorials of Ripon*, ii. 194, where the date of the commission is wrongly given as 1356, see p. 127.

† *Ibid.* ii. 193, from *Reg. Thoresby*, f. 78 a.

‡ Meaning Brantingham, which though in the East Riding, was in the patronage of Durham.

§ *Guisboro' Chartulary*, ii. 406. Surtees Society, No. 89.

The earliest mention of Thoresby as Provost is a notice of his intention to visit the Provostry, preserved in Simon Russell's book, apparently as a good common form (p. 329). A translation of it is given by Poulson,† and the date, 1 Richard II., *i.e.* 1377, which date should have saved him from confusing the Provost with the Archbishop, who had died, on his own showing, four years before. In point of fact Simon Russell gives the date by the year of the Lord, 1377. The Patent Rolls exhibit Thoresby as an active Provost; obtaining for a fine of 100s. an Inspeximus of all the charters of the Provostry, 10 Feb., 1378; and on 3 July, 1379, getting a commission of oyer and terminer against the parson of Patrington, who had stolen his boat, value £20, at Frismarsh, hunted his warrens, fished his fisheries, and carried away his hares, rabbits, partridges, and pheasants; an early instance surely of the mention of the latter. Thoresby was dead by 3 Feb., 1380, when the King presented ‡ to the prebend of Nunwick at Ripon vacant by his death.

Whether by death he escaped from the wrath to come or whether the wrath arose in consequence of the vacancy of the Provostry caused by his death is not clear. Certain it is that wrath like that of Achilles overtook the canons of Beverley in the person of Alexander Neville almost immediately after his death. The epic which recited it is extant in the Archiepiscopal Registry at York in the prosaic shape of a statement of facts compiled for the Archbishop on appeal to the Pope, and is printed here at full length (pp. 205-265).§ In the epic fashion it plunges into the middle of the fray.

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* Surtees Society, *Test. Ebor.* i. 88.

† *Beverlac*, p. 555.

‡ *Mem. Ripon*, ii. 194.

§ A full account of it in English with a copy of the most interesting document in it, an early Ordinance of the Bedern, was given by me to the Society of Antiquaries in 1894 under the title of *A Clerical Strike at Beverley Minster. Archæologia*, lv. pt. i.

Ostensibly the story begins innocently enough in a notice by the Archbishop on 2 March, 1381 (p. 202), that he intends to hold a visitation, appointing Mr. Ralph of Selby his legal assessor. That there was something more intended than a mere visitation is clear from the Archbishop's thinking it necessary at once to publish a "Letter Patent to remove fear," informing every one that he was not going to interfere with the canons and others in any way going to or coming from the visitation, and was only going to refresh their souls. This notice was published by his suffragan, the Bishop of Dunkeld, in S. Nicholas' Church (the Scotch and Irish bishops were nearly always in England doing duty as curates for their English brother-bishops, much as the Colonials do now, or did a few years ago). The canons seem to have known what was intended, as they promptly published solemn protests against the proceedings in S. Paul's Cathedral and S. Martin's, Ludgate, appealing to the Pope.

In this appeal the Chapter set out several causes of quarrel. The Archbishop had interfered with their private jurisdiction, citing at very short notice the executors of Sir Robert of Beverley, late canon, though his will had been duly proved before them, to appear before him in person, which was dangerous because of the fierceness of the Archbishop and his men (propter ipsius et suorum sævitiam et timorem); and also interfering with their jurisdiction in their prebends. Richard of Ravenser, the ex-Provost, as prebendary of S. Martin's, put in a separate appeal, alleging that the Archbishop could only visit once during his archbishopric, and asserting that he dare not go to Beverley, as the Archbishop was notoriously his mortal enemy (capitalis inimicus), and it was not safe for him, his proctors, or messengers to go there. On this apparently the Archbishop himself has written in the margin of the "Process" in Latin: "Note—that your messenger came with this and the Archbishop invited him to dinner, as he would have invited you if you had come and your principal," *i.e.* Ravenser himself.

In a third appeal, dated 23 March, $138\frac{0}{1}$, the Chapter recited that "in the chapel of the chapter altar behind the choir, notoriously exempt from his jurisdiction," the Archbishop had cited people to appear before him and his commissioners, *e.g.* in the case of the executors of Richard Kyllyng, who had already proved his will before the Chapter's auditor, and others named; and had summoned Margery, wife of Adam Cook of Beverley, of the exempt jurisdiction of the Chapter, to purge herself of certain charges; had dismissed the Chapter's apparitor or summoner from office and, deprived him of his wand (virgam) or mace (baculum), which he carried before them; and, horrible to relate, excommunicated and boycotted the chaplains of the Chapter's jurisdiction; closed the choir doors through which the canons and others used to pass; and every way molested them.

On 27 March these appeals were presented to the Archbishop, who said he was not going to exceed his jurisdiction. He entered the chapter house; and, after a sermon by his Official on the text "Visit this vine," he proceeded to the visitation. After due service of the summonses had been proved, only Mr. Ralph Waleys, the Precentor, one "Berfellar," and one chaplain appeared and took the oath of obedience. The rest were pronounced contumacious, and the visitation was adjourned. On the 29th the vicars choral, being in the chapter house, were asked why they refused to appear to the visitation, and said they dared not, because of their masters, the canons, and left the chapter house laughing (derisorie recesserunt). They and two canons, Ravenser and Wellingborough (Wendlingburgh), were cited to appear next day, and the rest of the canons for 22 April. On Saturday the 30th four chantry priests appeared, but no one else; and the case was adjourned to Monday, 1 April. That day two more chaplains came in, and Ravenser was summoned to show cause why on 22 April he should not be excommunicated. Next day one vicar and four ministri came in. On 3 April Canons Nicholas of Louth and Richard of Thorne and three clerks appeared and took the oath. The vicars said the canons had made them swear not to obey the Archbishop. The visitation was adjourned to the 5th, when it was announced that the vicars, having been summoned to be excommunicated, had left the church unserved; and next day it was found that "they had gone towards London to bring opprobrium on the Archbishop." The whole eight of them were therefore promptly excommunicated. On 8 April the Archbishop had the service performed by his own clerks, and three days afterwards sent for vicars choral from York to fill the places of the refugees.

On 21 April the King's serjeant-at-arms arrived and served the Archbishop in his manor house at Beverley with a royal writ asserting the King's jurisdiction over Beverley as a royal foundation, protesting against money being taken out of the kingdom in an appeal to Rome, and calling the case up before the Privy Council.

The Archbishop nevertheless next day proceeded with his programme. A third canon, Richard of Chesterfield, appeared and submitted, but Ravenser and Wellingborough were excommunicated. The three canons present confessed that the statutory residence was not kept, and were commanded to produce documents, which they did next day, the ordinance of William Greenfield as to residence, and some Papal Bulls of vague generality.

On 24 April the three canons again appeared and "with one voice and, as it were, one mouth, and with great insistence besought the reverend father for reverence and the command of the Lord the King not to molest them any more while the matter remained undetermined in the King's Court." He only answered that the temporal courts had no jurisdiction, that those who had obtained the King's writ were ipso facto excommunicated, and he intended to proceed. He accordingly repealed Archbishop Greenfield's ordinance as to residence, which had been in force seventy years, reviving that of Romanus, which had only been in force eighteen years. The repeal was quite ultra vires, since the ordinance had been made in chapter with the canons' consent, and could only be altered or repealed in the same way. He then commanded Ravenser and Wellingborough to be publicly denounced as excommunicate. On 6 May a writ of supersedeas issued from Westminster commanding and entreating the Archbishop to leave the canons alone till the matter could be heard before the Council. The royal writ met with small reverence.* "Sir Robert Ros, knight, of the King's chamber, and Richard Hembrigge, serjeant-at-arms, the bearers of the royal writ, were met by the Archbishop with a great multitude of the people of Beverley and its neighbourhood, clad in hoods of his livery, given solely for the purpose of maintaining his quarrel"—a criminal offence against the Statute of Maintenance—"and would not suffer Robert and Richard to perform the command of the King and his Council, and so greatly menaced them that they dared not for fear of death proceed in that business, as was well proved afterwards before the King's Council." In the copy of the writ which ends the Archbishop's "Register" this turbulent proceeding is not noticed The Archbishop merely wrote against it: "It is not the business of the temporal to interfere with the spiritual court," and "the request is not just and therefore cannot be granted." Here the Register ends.

What exactly happened we do not know. We know† that the Archbishop deprived Ravenser of his prebend, and purported to invest Mr. Anthony de St. Quintin with it "by delivery of our biretta" in the great chamber at Cawood on 31 August, 1381, in the presence of his Chancellor and of Sir Geoffrey de St. Quintin, knight; and as Nicholas of Louth would not admit him the Archbishop himself did so in person at Beverley on 2 September. But we learn from some Papal letters referring to a claim by Ravenser's executors, 11 Nov., 1388, that he had obtained two judgments against St. Quintin at Rome with costs of 75 golden florins in one case and 68 in the other, and an order of sequestration, and they then demanded the fruits of the prebend. But the case was still under trial before John, Bishop of Hereford, when Ravenser died. Thomas of Ferriby, canon of Wells, appointed by the King during the vacancy of York on Alexander Neville's flight from a trial for high treason, had been "surrogated" in Ravenser's place. Finally, on 1 Dec., 1389, Pope Boniface IX. sent the matter to J. de Dulman, Papal auditor, to assign the prebend to St. Quintin or Ferriby, with a remark which was apparently a hint in favour of the former that he was of knightly family on both sides, and he might hold it notwithstanding a prebend in York and a benefice in Durham. On 8 March, 1390, the King collated John of Ferriby. So, unless the Christian name is written John for Thomas by mistake, neither St. Quintin or Thomas Ferriby finally got the prebend, but a third party.

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* *Rolls of Parliament*, iii. 183. Petition to the King in Parliament by five vicars choral, one berefellar, and one chantry priest. The year is given as 7 Richard II., *ie.* 1383-4. But this must be wrong, as the petition refers to Ravenser as dead, and he did not die till some day between 17 May, the date of a codicil, and 1 June, 1386, the date of probate of his will. *Archæological Institute* at Lincoln, 1848, pp. 316 seq.

† *Reg. Neville*, i. f. 65 b.

The loss of the prebend, rich as it was, must have been a comparatively small matter to Ravenser among the multitude of his other preferments, civil and ecclesiastical. But when in 1382 he wished to visit S. Leonard's Hospital, York, of which he was master, and his other Yorkshire preferments, he had to obtain * the King's special protection for himself, his clerks, esquires, and servants, visiting the hospital and his benefices in Yorkshire, going and returning.

John of Wellingborough, Ravenser's co-excommunicate, who held S. Mary's prebend, was also a King's clerk, and was presented by the King, 15 Oct., 1380, to a prebend in S. Stephen's, Westminster, held shortly before by his father or uncle, John of Wellingborough the elder. He became a claimant for the Provostry of Beverley, and on 7 June, 1383, had the King's protection for his clerks and advocates going to and from Beverley and Lincoln with regard to the suit pending in the Roman Court between himself and Robert of Manfeld, of whom hereafter, as to the Provostry. As late as 1400,† 20 Dec., however, he thought it necessary to obtain from the King a ratification of his estate in S. Mary's prebend, Beverley, and the Wardenship of S. John Baptist Chapel, Melton Mowbray, while the same year he received a grant of 40 marks a year, apparently by way of retiring pension, for his good services to Edward III. and Richard II. in the high office of Privy Seal.

Of the rest of the canons, two died very shortly afterwards. Henry of Snaith, who held the prebend of S. James, was indeed probably already dead when the visitation began, as his will is dated 3 Feb., $138\frac{9}{1}$.‡ He appointed John (Bokyngham), Bishop of Lincoln, and his brother canons, Ravenser,

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* Cal. Pat. Rolls, 1382, 8 July.

† Cal. Pat. Rolls.

‡ Surtees Society, *Test. Ebor.* i. iii. (H. f. 115 b.).

Skirlaw, and Richard of Chesterfield his executors. He also was a King's clerk, and as early as 1364 held a prebend in S. Stephen's, Westminster, and the rectory of Oundle, Northants. His will shows him a canon of S. Paul's, Lincoln, and Howden, as well as Beverley. The beautiful chapter house of Howden, which still stands a ruin, was then building, and he gave £10 to it; while to Beverley he gave his cope and £3 to the fabric. To Haddenham Church, of which he was rector, he gave 100 marks (£66 13s. 4d.) for the great window of five lights in the chancel.

William of Birstal, who held the prebend of S. Michael's, also did not leng survive the storm, which could have hurt him not at all, since, being a Master in Chancery, in 1371 he had become Master of the Rolls, and held the rich living of Houghton, Durham. His tenure of the Rolls was noticeable in that during it the Rolls House in Chancery Lane, then known as the House of Converts, was first permanently annexed to the office, 11 April, 1377.* His successor in the office was appointed 8 Sept., 1381.

Of the other two, Walter of Skirlaw was already in 1377 a Master in Chancery, canon of York, and Dean of St. Martin's-le-Grand, and at the time of the contest Sacrist or Treasurer of Lincoln and Archdeacon of Northampton. A year afterwards he was Privy Seal, and in 1385 Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, and died Bishop of Durham in 1403, bequeathing £40 (£800) and a suit of vestments to Beverley Minster.†

Nicholas of Louth was an Exchequer official and King's Treasurer for Ponthieu when, 22 April, 1363, he obtained a Papal provision for a canonry and prebend at Beverley; ‡ being also canon of Salisbury and St. Asaph, and rector of Cottingham, near Beverley. He built § the splendid church there, and his portrait on a magnificent brass is still to be seen in it. He died 3 June, 1383.

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* Foss, iv. 38. He calls him Burstall. Bristall is another variant of the name.

† Surtees Society, *Test. Ebor.* i. 306.

‡ Cal. Pap. Registers.

§ The inscription begins:

> Huius erat rector domus, hic Nicholaus humatus
> Factor et erector, de Luda:

and adds later fenestram navis geminavit.

To the canons, therefore, the outcome of the struggle with the Archbishop, even if it extended to deprivation of their prebends, meant only the loss of a little extra pocket money. To the vicars choral it meant the loss of livelihood itself. Richard of Ravenser, however, came to their rescue, and while he lived, that is, for no less than five years, maintained them at Lincoln. When he died they were "cast adrift and had to become vagrants and mendicants" till the Archbishop, having been impeached for high treason, fled the country in 1388.

Then five vicars, one berfellar, and one chantry priest, who remained, applied to Parliament, and were reinstated. So ended the great Beverley clerical strike. The constitution of the minster was finally settled by Archbishop Arundel's Statutes in 1391 (p. 265).

There is some uncertainty about the Provostry after the death of Thoresby. Simon Russell gives Robert Manfeld, in whose time he wrote, as the successor. Manfeld certainly held possession in 1381, as a document in the Provost's Book,* dated "A.D. 1381 beginning and 1382 ending" (which seems like a slip, for the reverse) "relates to the probate of a will in that year, viz. in the first year of Robert Manfield as Provost."

Coming from Manfield, near Barnard Castle in the North Riding, he was a King's clerk. In the absence of calendars of the Patent Rolls for his early years, nothing is ascertained of him till 12 July, 1386. Then he was granted for life "the same estate and grade in Chancery which Richard of Ravenser deceased, late one of the greater clerks † in Chancery, had." So we may conclude that he was a Chancery official.

He had already received ecclesiastical preferment, being ratified in his estate of the prebend of Wistow in York Minster on 3 May, 1380, receiving a new grant of it on 7 June. On 18 Aug. of the same year he was given the archdeaconry of Cleveland by reason of the temporalities of York being in the King's hands. On 7 June, 1383, protection was granted, as we have seen, for clerks and advocates going between Beverley and Lincoln about the suit at Rome between Manfeld and Wellingborough over the

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* f. 74.

† *i.e.* Masters in Chancery.

Provostry. On 26 Feb., 1386, the King gave him a prebend in the royal chapel of S. Stephen's, Westminster. Why on 5 June he was suddenly committed to the Tower with Sir John Bygot, knight, and others, and whether his promotion to be a Master in Chancery, was compensation for this disturbing experience, is a mystery which the Calendars of Patent Rolls create but do not solve.

In the King's courts at least Manfeld was recognised as Provost and got the fruits of the Provostry, as on 1 May, 1387, Thomas of Grimston, late bailiff of Beverley, was pardoned an outlawry for not accounting to Manfeld as Provost for the time when Thomas was receiver. On 12 June Manfeld was granted S. Michael's prebend by the King, the temporalities of York being in the King's hands, and next day received a ratification of his estate as Provost and of the prebend of Skelton in Howden Collegiate Church.

In 1388 Robert Manfeld, Provost, and Thomas Pounde, the Sacrist appointed by him, successfully * defended the right of the Provost to appoint the Sacrist against the King, who claimed by reason of the temporalities being in his hands, and had appointed one Edmund Altoun on 11 Feb., 1387.

Yet on 21 June, 1389, a Papal mandate issued to the Bishops of Durham and Hereford to give to Adam, cardinal of S. Cecilia, the Provostry of Beverley whether it was void by the death of John of Thoresby or by resignation of Adam Spenser—this must be another name for Adam of Lymbergh—made to Alexander, late Archbishop of York, or otherwise, notwithstanding that the Cardinal was a Benedictine. The Cardinal was a monk of Norwich called Adam of Easton, who, having been sent in 1368 with a letter from Edward III. to the Pope, managed to ingratiate himself with the Pope and had secular benefices heaped on him in total disregard of his monkhood, being made a canon of Lincoln with the prebend of Aylesbury, Precentor of Lisbon, Archdeacon of Shetland, rector of Rottesdene, Norfolk, and also Prior

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* *Yorkshire Monastic Notes*, from De Banco Rolls Hil. 11 Ric. II. m. 112, and Cal. Pat. Rolls under dates given.

of the Benedictine house of S. Agnes, Ferrara. On 17 Jan., 1398, the Pope suddenly issued a mandate to the Papal auditor to give the Provostry to Cardinal Adam. It had come to the Pope's notice that the cause was still pending with Robert Manfeld, while Christopher, Cardinal Priest of S. Cyriac, said that the same Robert had set at defiance a Papal provision for himself of the prebend of Ustwayt (*i.e.* Husthwaite) in York Minster, but he could not get it by reason of Robert's power. So notwithstanding that the cause did not properly pertain to the Roman Court, the Pope committed the work to Nicholas, Bishop of Potenza. The Papal auditor was directed to cite Manfeld by notice posted on the doors of S. Peter's, Rome—a fine way of reaching a Master in Chancery in London. Robert not appearing was pronounced contumacious and excommunicate, and ipso facto deprived of all his benefices, and disabled to hold them or any other. The Provostry being thus void, the Pope ordered the auditor to "surrogate" Cardinal Adam to it and to see that he got it.

How Manfeld managed to get over this does not appear. No doubt he found that Purse was the antidote to Curse in case of the Pope as much as of an archdeacon. Perhaps the casus belli was a contest of right between Pope and King, as on 8 Feb., 139$\frac{7}{8}$, the Archiepiscopal Register * at York shows us Mr. Robert Manfeld being admitted to the Provostry, and also to the prebend of Husthwaite, York, in the King's gift, by reason of the vacancy of the see.

Manfeld certainly continued to hold the Provostry, and was no doubt assisted to do so by adhering to Bolingbroke against Richard II. For on 30 Oct., 1399, he is described as Warden of the Hospital or Free Chapel of S. Mary, Southwell, when presented to the Hospital or Free Chapel of S. Giles, Little Maldon, Essex, on exchange with Alexander Hale, who, described as parson of Leven, was presented on 7 Nov. to Midilton Church "in the immediate jurisdiction of Robert Manfeld, Provost," while on 14 May following, when the vacancy thus caused at Leven was filled, that church too is described in the same terms. On 12 Nov. Manfeld obtained a further grant from the King of S. John's prebend* in Howden Collegiate Church. On 22 Nov., 1399, he obtained from the new King Henry IV. a ratification of his estate in the Provostry and S. James' prebend, and also in that of Husthwaite in York and Christ Hall (Cristall) in St. Martin's-le-Grand. On 1 March, 1400, Manfeld as Provost, for a fine of £5, obtained a new charter confirming to the Provostry and the canons and clerks of Beverley the charter of 10 Feb., 1 Richard II., to John of Thoresby, confirming that of 30 Nov., 4 Edward III., to Nicholas of Hugate, which itself confirmed former charters.

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* *Reg. Newark* and *Sede vacante*, f. 216.

In Henry V.'s reign we find Manfeld quietly asserting in the Common Pleas the rights of the Provost to the marriage of his tenants' sons.† Finally in 1417 Simon Russell states (p. 308) that when he compiled his Provost's Book in Manfeld's time "the said Lord Provost stood in peace with the Church and all its ministers, all corrodies and charges ordinary and extraordinary being fully paid." So the Benedictine monk, in spite of all the Pope's thunders, never obtruded his unlawful presence into the Bedern of Beverley Minster.

At this time, besides the other preferments mentioned, Manfield was also canon and prebendary of Brownswood in S. Paul's and rector of Hackney, near London.

On 6 May, 1419, William Kynwolmersshe, clerk, was collated by Archbishop Henry Bowet ‡ to the Provostry vacant by the death of Sir Robert Manfeld.

Here we must cease from lack of space to pursue the Provosts through the purlieus of the law and the precincts of the church in their preferments with the same particularity as heretofore. Kinwoldmarsh, perhaps an East Riding man, was Treasurer of the Exchequer under Henry V. and reappointed to the same office 30 Sept., 1422, on Henry VI.'s accession, a month or two after which he died. Will proved Feb. 6, 1422-3.

On 18 Dec., 1422, Mr. Robert Neville was collated, and on 23 Dec. admitted Provost.* This fortunate youth, son of the Earl of Westmorland of Shakespeare's Henry IV. and uncle of the Kingmaker of Henry VI.'s time, at the age of 9 obtained a prebend in Auckland Collegiate Church, and at the age of 10 another in York Minster. An M.A. of Oxford at the age of 17, he obtained the coveted preferment of the Provostry of Beverley, to hold it for five years only before being made Bishop of Salisbury † by Papal dispensation, being only 23 years old. 10 Oct., 1427, the temporalities were delivered to him under the designation of Robert, late Provost of Beverley. He afterwards ‡ attained the bishopric of Durham, where he ended a career undistinguished otherwise than by the early age at which he attained the prizes of his profession, and by leaving three children to perpetuate his name. His sole connection with Beverley is that he is said to have built a tower in the Bedern, which the writer of his life in the *Dictionary of National Biography* wantonly guesses to have been the ancient site of the Minster. It was, as we have seen, the ancient residence of the Minster clergy, including the Provost.

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* This is interesting, as generally the prebends of Howden had territoria names, Saltmarsh and so on.

† *Yorks. Mon. Notes*, from De Banco Rolls, Trin. 1 Henry V. m. 98 d. Mich. *Ibid.* m. 153 and 494. Hil. *Ibid.* m. 431 d and 432.

‡ *Reg. Bowet*, f. 67 b.

The only act of Robert Neville which brings him into connection with the Provostry is his defence of an action brought by the Crown to have the corrody of the butler of the Bedern during its vacancy on the death of John Humbleton, the late butler, who died seised of it and of divers manors and lordships "in the King's hands by reason of the minority of the heir." The office was of course a sinecure or performed by deputy. The corrody was worth £8 6s. 8d. a year, and consisted of two loaves every week day and two loaves and half a simnel cake every feast day; 22 gallons of beer a week, or three gallons a day, with one to spare, "like one of the vicars or the six servants or serjeants (servientibus) of the fee," besides which he was to have two "bevers" a day, namely "at noon and in the evening § as much as he wished to drink." This enormous supply of beer might perhaps to our ideas have given occasion to the satirist of the order of Fair Ease did we not know that instead of being exceptional it was the ordinary allowance in such cases. Even the hundred old men who dined daily in S. Cross Hospital by Winchester received three gallons a day;—unless indeed there is some mistake there, as here, as to lagena, a flagon, meaning a gallon. At Beverley the eatables were provided on quite as lavish a scale as the drinkables. The butler was allowed seven dishes, or portions (ferculi) every week day and ten dishes every feast day, and in Advent two pounds of cheese, and a special allowance for blood-letting time, when he could not dine in hall. He also had as perquisites the "dods" or ends of the 40 wax candles which burnt in the Bedern every night from All Saints' Day to 2 Feb., and the remains of the two great candles used on the latter day, Candlemas Day.

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* Poulson, p. 651. † 10 July, 1427. ‡ 27 June, 1438.

§ Ad nonam et vesperam. This can hardly mean at nones and vespers.

Robert Rolleston, priest, was collated to the Provostry 7 Dec., 1427.* He was a native of Beverley itself, where his family, presumably from Rolleston, Notts, had long been settled. In Trinity Term, 1363, Provost Richard of Ravenser,† recovered in the Provostry Court by writ of "Quare cessavit," (*i.e.* Why he ceased for two years to render due service) a messuage in Beverley against William, son of Robert of Rolleston. In 1369 Richard of Rolleston did homage to the Provost ‡ for lands in Sigglesthorne, and was one of the suitors § in the Bedern Court for the same. William Rolleston was senior of the 12 Keepers of the town in 1405,|| when he sold 3,000 tiles to the corporation for 8s. 4d.; in 1407 he paid 4d. for commonage of the lane behind his house in Flemingate; and was senior Governor in 1409. Most probably this William, son of Robert, was the father of Provost Robert.

Robert Rolleston's private house, or at least a house belonging to him, was in Newbigging, and he paid a rent of 18s. for part of it, which was situate on the common land of the town, to the Governors of the town in 1435. His brother, Roger Rolleston, merchant, was the senior of the 12 Gover-

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* *Reg. Kempe*, f. 6.

† Provost's Book, f. 58, from De Banco Roll 96, 38 Edw. III.

‡ *Ibid.* f. 7 b. from the Provost's Court Rolls.

§ Great Gild Book, f. 8.

|| Town Account Rolls, 1405, 1407, 1409.

nors of the town (equivalent to mayor) no less than seven times;—in 1423-4, 1428-9,* 1436-7, 1440, 1444 5, 1445·9, 1452-3 and 1456-7. In 1436 he was named first of the seven armed men who received arms from the "community" for an expedition to Scotland; in 1437-8 he went to London for the town on a suit against the Prior of Bridlington. In 1448 he rode with four horses to receive Henry VI.,† when he visited Beverley, and made the shortest speech on record for such an occasion. "Most gracious Christian prince, our sovereign lord, ye be welcome to your people and town of Beverley." He was the Provost's executor in 1452 ‡ and made his own will § 3 August, 1458, proved 18 August,‡ and directed his burial to be in the Minster before the image of the Virgin above the red chest.

The Provost was an Exchequer official, and already Keeper of the Wardrobe in 1421,‖ and reappointed to that office on the accession of Henry VI. On 10 July, 1425,¶ he is described as King's Clerk when presented to the prebend of S Katherine at Beverley, vacant by the death of Thomas Haxey, the temporalities of York being in the King's hands. One of his first acts as Provost was, 13 March, 1428, to obtain an inspection and confirmation of a charter of 25 Nov., 1415, to Robert of Manfield for the Provost and canons of Beverley, inspecting and confirming all previous charters of liberties. On 28 May, 1435,** a Privy Seal was directed to the Governors of Beverley Town asking for a loan of 200 marks to the King to meet the expenses of an embassy to France, and meanwhile to keep the field with a great army. The Governors thereupon wrote "to the Right Honourable and Worshipful Sir and Master the Provost of Beverly," to beg them off, saying that three parts of the freeholds in the town were in decay; while by loss of the sea and captures by enemies the merchandise sometime used there was greatly enfeebled; and that there was reason to fear a war with the Scots. They received an uncompromising answer from Robert Rolleston, "Wardrober and Provost," saying that security would be given for the loan, that the Lords of the Council were themselves chief lenders, and unless the Beverley townsmen were disposed to do like others of their degree he would not help them, "as well for your worship as mine!" If they would send what they could at once, he would help to bring it to as little sum as he might. As the burgesses found no difficulty in giving a bond for £200 to the Archbishop on an arbitration against the Prior of Bridlington, in respect of the right of toll, they seem to have been merely showing the usual desire to evade paying their just proportion to the public funds.

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* *Ibid.* f. 45.

† *Early Yorkshire Schools*, l. and p. 105. Town Account Rolls and Minute Book, 1423-4, 1428-9, 1436-7, 1444-5, 1448-9, 1452-3, and 1456-7.

‡ *Test. Ebor.* ii. 139. § *Ibid.* 140 *n.*

‖ Rymer's *Fœdera*, x. 159.

¶ 19 Nov., 1422, he was a canon of S. Paul's, prebendary of Portpool. *Le Neve.*

** *Beverley Town Records*, Hist. MSS. Commission, p. 22.

Rolleston, notwithstanding his duties elsewhere, resided a good deal at Beverley, for in 14 Henry VI , 1435-6, he was a residentiary canon.* On 29 March, 14 Henry VI., *i.e.*, 1436, John Routh, son of the late John Routh, knight, did homage to him † in the chancel of the Friars Minors' Church, the Grey Friars, by Beverley, for lands in Routh, and other places, in presence of John Ellerker, serjeant-at-law,‡ John Holme sen., John Partyngton and others, and the Chancellor, Precentor, and Sacrist of the Minster; while ten years later § (23 Nov., 1446) Richard Hamby did similar homage in the Bedern for a messuage, croft and 3½ acres of land in Welwick held by him of the Provostry by knight's service.

In 1444,|| 30 Oct., Rolleston obtained a license in mortmain for the foundation of a chantry at the altar of S. Katharine the Virgin to be called the "chantry of S. John of Beverley and S. Katharine" with lands up to £10 a year. On 21 Feb., 1450, he obtained license to grant three messuages and lands in Beverley and Garton on the Wolds in part performance.

The chantry was completed and the first chaplain, John

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* *Fabric Roll*, E. R. Antiq. Soc. vii. 78.

† Provost's Book, f. 79.

‡ He was first of the Serjeants called in 1424, and is mentioned first of tenants of Serjeants' Inn in Fleet Street in quo loco Ellerker et alii servientes ad legem nuper habitaverunt. Foss, iv. 244 and 247.

§ Provosts' Book, f. 83.

|| *E. R. Antiq. Soc.* v. 44. Cf. *Poulson*, p. 608.

Smith, appointed by 13 Dec., 1450, when Rolleston made his ordinance * for the chantry, directing prayers for the soul of "the lady Katharine, late Queen of England," *i.e.* Katherine of France, whence the dedication of the chantry; the souls of William Rolleston his father and Ellen his mother, Roger his brother and Margaret his wife, and others. Only 11 days later, 24 Dec., 1450, he made his will,† directing his body to be buried in the middle of S. Katharine's Chapel under a marble stone, and the east window of the chapel to be made anew and glazed at his expense with on one side the miracles of the B. V. M. and on the other the legend (historia) of S. Katharine. He gave a pair of candlesticks, a pair of phials, and a pax all of silver gilt, together with a silver holy water basin and a suit of vestments of cloth of gold to the chantry.

The agreement already mentioned, which his executors made with his successors,‡ shows that he died on 12 Jan., 145$\frac{0}{1}$. His chantry, which was in fact called S. Katharine's § (there being another chantry of S. John of Beverley), was probably in the southernmost bay of the aisle of the S.E. transept, where one of the label stops on the outside of the window bears the arms of Rolleston, bendy of six and a chevron.

It was augmented by his nephew's will 5 Sept., proved 14 Sept., 1458, who added his father's and mother's souls and his own to those the chaplain had to pray for.

John Bernyngham, chaplain, the next Provost, was collated 10 Jan., 145$\frac{0}{1}$. He seems to have derived his name from Barningham, in the extreme north of the North Riding between Richmond and where "Brignall's Banks are fresh and fair." Modern writers sometimes spell him Birmingham, but he does not seem to have had any connection with that place, of which "Brummagem" seems to be the medieval phonetic spelling. Stephen, son of Vincent of Barningham, is said to have given Barningham Church to Guisboro' Priory, temp. Henry II. Richard, William his son, and (apparently) another William, his son, and John of Barningham, figure in the Chartulary[*] up to 1306. Though a canon residentiary at Beverley in 1445-6,[†] he was more of a York than a Beverley man, having been canon of York 25 Oct., 1426, and Treasurer there 17 Sept., 1432. He did not become canon of Beverley till 26 March, 1435. His will,[‡] 29 March, proved 28 May, 1457, is chiefly concerned with York, where he was buried on the south side of the tomb of S. William, near the tombs of his predecessors as Treasurers. To Beverley he only gave a silver-gilt cross bought from the Dowager Lady Scrope of Masham, 100s. for a single obit, with 40s. for the poor on the day of the obit.

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* As he describes himself as Provost in this deed it effectually negatives the date of 1437 for the accession of his next successor but one given in *Oliver*, p. 392.

† Surtees Society, *Test. Ebor.* ii. 138.

‡ Provost's Book, f. 114, translated by Poulson, p. 597, who gives correctly the date.

§ Surtees Society, *Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, ii. 531.

Laurence Booth was made Provost of Beverley 31 May, 1457, by his elder half-brother, Archbishop William Booth.[§] He had been since 11 March, 1452, a canon and prebendary of S. Stephen's altar. The Provostry was to this Master of Pembroke College, Cambridge; Privy Seal (1454); and Lord Chancellor (1473), a mere passing possession, which he vacated on being consecrated Bishop of Durham, 25 Sept. of the same year. He became Archbishop of York in 1476, 12 years after the death of his half brother, in the same see. Another brother, Robert, witnessed his will[‖] as Dean of York, while he had been succeeded in the Provostry of Beverley by another brother, John Booth.[¶] He was buried in Southwell Minster, where he founded a chantry.[**]

John Booth became Provost 12 January, 145$\frac{7}{8}$.[††] The Patent Rolls reveal him 8 Nov., 1464, as Secretary to King

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[*] *Guisboro' Chartulary*, 311, 202, 169.

[†] Beverley Minster Fabric Roll, *E. R. Antiq. Soc.* vii. 82-3.

[‡] Surtees Society, *Test Ebor.* ii. 203.

[§] *Reg. W. Booth*, f. 36 d. Not 1437 as Oliver, nor 1453 as Dugdale, followed by Poulson. But if the copy of the inscription on his tomb given in Drake's *Eboracum*, p. 499, is correct, the year is 1458, as Barningham obiit 23 die mensis Maii 1458.

[‖] Surtees Society, *Test. Ebor.* iii. 250.

[¶] Converted by Poulson into Routh.

[**] See my *Memorials of Southwell Minster*, 115, 184, Camden Society, 1891.

[††] *Reg. W. Booth*, f. 43

Edward IV.;* and as Master or Warden of Manchester College. He was made Bishop of Exeter by Papal Bull 12 June, 1465, and consecrated 7 July following, according to Bishop Stubbs, though according to Le Neve he was not consecrated till 23 Feb., 1466.

After John Booth two other Provosts, Henry Webber and Peter Taster "alienigena," are inserted in the list given by Leland, and copied thence by Poulson and Oliver; Poulson dating Webber 1465 and Oliver 1461, while both date Taster 1466. Poulson also inserts Thomas Scot, Archbishop Rotherham, in 1468, before William Poteman 1472, while Oliver inserts Rotherham not only after Poteman, whom he dates 1475, but after Hugh Trotter, whom he places in 1493. Dugdale gives Webber 1465 and Taster 1469, between whom Mr. Baildon inserts Thomas Rotherham in capital letters as positively in 1468.† It is quite certain that Rotherham was never Provost, certainly not in 1468, still less after 1493, seeing that he became Archbishop of York in 1480. There is no room for him.

Webber was Precentor, having been previously Treasurer, of Exeter Cathedral in 1453, and elected Dean 26 Dec., 1459. There are no indications of his ever having anything to do with the North or with Beverley until he was collated Provost by Archbishop George Neville among the first of his archiepiscopal acts‡ about the beginning of July, 1465. He held the preferment less than three months.

Peter Taster was probably a Gascon, and had no doubt been in Henry VI.'s employ, as on 27 Nov., 1461, he obtained from Edward IV., under the name of Mr. Peter Taster, King's Clerk, Dean of S. Severin, Bordeaux, a ratification of his estate as rector of Chartham, Kent, and prebendary of

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* Cal. Pat. Rolls.

† Relying on this I too wrongly made him Provost. *Early Yorkshire Schools*, ii. xxv.

‡ *Reg. G. Neville*, f. 1. The collation is undated, the next entry being 5 July, 1465. It is expressed to be under the seal of Exeter, "sigille nostro, quo uti consuevimus dum ecclesie cathedrali exoniensi ministravismus."

Leighton Buzzard (Bosard) in Lincoln Cathedral. A few days earlier, 12 Nov., he had been appointed with the Prior of the Hospitallers and Wenlock, the King's Chief Butler, a commissioner to inquire into alleged infractions of truce with the Duke of Burgundy. On 30 Sept., 1465, Mr. Peter Tastour, "doctor of decrees," was collated by Archbishop Neville to the Provostry, vacant by the resignation of Mr. Henry Webber. In Feb., 1466, described as late rector of S. James Garlickhithe, he was made trustee for lands of two chantries in that church escheated to the Crown for non-compliance with the statute of mortmain. On 17 March, 1467,* a general pardon was granted him under the title of Mr. Peter Taster, Dean of S. Severin and Provost of Beverley. He must have been leaving office or the kingdom at this date.

On 30 March, 1467, William Poteman was collated to the Provostry,† vacant by the death of Mr. Peter Tastar (*sic*).

William Poteman first comes to light on admission as a Fellow of All Souls' College, Oxford, in 1447. He was a "jurist," *i.e.* student of civil law. He was Principal of S. George's and Woodcock Halls. On 7 Sept., 1462, was head ‡ of the Great School of Civil Law. He became fourth Warden of All Souls' 9 Nov., 1459. With the wardenship he held the college livings of Stanlake and Elmley. He was made a canon of Lincoln (Empingham) 9 Feb., 1466.§ When George Neville, Bishop of Exeter and Chancellor of Oxford, became Archbishop of York, Poteman ‖ followed him to the North, resigning the wardenship of All Souls' and some other southern preferments; though taking the rectory of Tring, a college living. He went as a lawyer, being the Archbishop's Official Principal, and when absent his Vicar-General. He was paid by being made canon of York 22 Feb., 1467, holding prebends of Weighton,* Barnby, Strensall, in succession; and then, as we have seen, Provost of Beverley. He was also a canon of Hemingborough and Ripon and Master of S. Mary Magdalen's Hospital there. From 1470 to 1484 he was Archdeacon of Cleveland, and from 1484 to his death in 1493 Archdeacon of Richmond. In 1474† and 1483† he was employed on diplomatic missions to Scotland. He was executor of Archbishop Neville, of Lord Greystock, and of Henry Percy, Earl of Northumberland. The latter dying in 1485 gave his "gossep Mr. William Poteman," two "tonnes" of "Gascoigne wine" a year.

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* Pat. 6 Edw. IV. pt. i. m. 16.

† Surtees Society, *Test. Ebor.* iv. 79, from *Reg. George Neville*, f. 5 b.

‡ *Munimenta Academica.* Rolls Series, ii. 687.

§ Le Neve.

‖ So says Canon Raine. But it is perhaps more likely that it was the influence of the Dean, Richard Andrewes, scholar of Winchester, fellow of New College, who had been first Warden of All Souls' and King's Secretary and Privy Seal, which brought Poteman to York Minster.

At Beverley he was canon of S. Peter's altar, to his successor in which he gave by his will £7 if he would let his executors have the fruits of the prebend for a year after his death. He was buried at York, where he was a residentiary canon. He gave by his will, 8 Nov., 1493, to All Souls' College £13 6s. 8d., half of which was for the building of the cloister (which stood north of the chapel) destroyed for the Inner Quadrangle, "and if that had been finished during his life for the new work on the east abutting on the High Street," which was the Warden's lodgings. He also gave 12 books, still preserved in the library. To Beverley Minster he gave £10 "to buy a blue cope and a set of vestments of the same suit or at least colour," and £5 to the fabric; and "to the altar newly made there by the Precentor," *i.e.* S. William's altar by the Precentor William Cole, "a vestment." He directed his executors to deliver to his successor as Provost the stock (implementa) specified in an indenture made between himself and John Booth (Both), late Provost after his consecration to Exeter, and £33 6s. 8d. for repairs. One canon of Beverley, Mr. Richard Brindholme, and the Sacrist, Mr. John Sharparrow (Sharparowe) were his executors.

Mr. Hugh Trotter succeeded to the Provostry 27 March,

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* *Reg. Geo. Neville*, 5, 6. *Test. Ebor.* iv. 79. Not as Poulson 1472, nor as Oliver 1475.

† Rymer's *Fœdera*, xi. 478. Pat. Seal, ii. 434, 487.

1493. The Universities were now become the highways to ecclesiastical preferment. If an Oxford archbishop or Dean introduced Poteman to Yorkshire preferments, a Cambridge archbishop, Thomas Rotherham, one of the earliest fellows of King's, brought Trotter from Cambridge, where he was a fellow of Queen's from 1484 to 1490. On 10 April, 1493, he was made* prebendary at S. Michael's altar, Beverley. Next year he became Precentor and then Treasurer of York, and so remained till his death.

By his will,† 31 Aug. (proved 2 Dec.), 1503, he directed his body to be buried in York Minster. To Beverley he only gave the customary £10 for a cope, and £26 5s. 8d. for dilapidations to his successor in the Provostry. William Wyght, Chancellor‡ of Beverley, was one of the executors. An interesting bequest is of one-third part of the residue of his estate for his brother's seven sons.

Mr. Thomas Dalby, LL.D., collated§ 12 Sept., 1503, was a civilian and canon lawyer. After 24 Aug., 1504, being made Archdeacon of Richmond, he seems to have been commonly known by that title. He was in 1509‖ executor of Archbishop Savage, and was rich enough to buy goods of the Archbishop's to the extent of £247 8s. 8½d., besides £86 9s. 9d. more which he shared with his co-executor and co-canon of Beverley, Thomas Magnus, Archdeacon of the East Riding. He was also executor ¶ of John Perot, Chancellor of York, in 1519, and of Brian Wensleydale (Wensdale), notary and proctor there, the same year.** On 18 June, 1525,†† he was party to a deed with S. John's College, Cambridge, by which Mr. Robert Halitreholme founded a fellowship at that college for a native of Beverley.

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* *Reg. Rotherham*, f. 104, f. 105.

† Surtees Society, *Test. Ebor.* iv. 219.

‡ Still Chancellor when the present misericords in the Minster were made in 1524. The westernmost stall on south side bears his name and arms, a fess between 3 weights.

§ *Reg. Savage*, f. 24.

‖ *Test. Ebor.* iv. 308, 312.

¶ *Ibid.* v. 98, 100.

** Not 26 June, 1525, as Oliver, p. 303 *n*. No authority is given.

†† See my *Early Yorkshire Schools*, i. 111. Yorkshire Archæological Society, Record Series, xxvii. 1899.

His Latin epitaph in the north aisle of the choir at York says[*] "Pray for the soul of Thomas Dalby, doctor of decrees, Archdeacon of Richmond, prebendary of Stillington (Stevelington), and canon residentiary in the metropolitical church of York, Provost and canon residentiary in the church of S. John of Beverley, and treasurer of the household of Thomas Savage, formerly Archbishop of York, chaplain and counsellor of the most illustrious King Henry VII., and of the most serene and all-powerful King Henry VIII., and Dean of the chapel of the most illustrious Prince, the Duke of Richmond and Somerset; who died 26 January, A.D. 1525," *i.e.* 1526. Appended are some curious part Latin part English verses:

> Miseremini mei, my friends all
> This world hath formed me to fall
> Here I may no long endure: Pray for my sall
> This World is transitory and terrestriall.

If the epitaph be correct, the editor of the Calendar of State Papers has misdated two letters from the Council of the North and the Duke of Richmond's Council (presumably they were the same bodies) dated 5 Nov. and 25 Dec., 1526, signed by Dalby with others. There is independent evidence of Dalby's death early in 1526 in the entry of the admission of his successor in the prebend of North Leverton in Southwell Minster[†] on 6 July, 1526, which is said to be on the vacancy caused by Dalby's death.

Thomas Winter, Wolsey's natural son, sometimes euphemistically called his nephew, succeeded Dalby in his two principal preferments, the Archdeaconry of Richmond on 24 March, $152\frac{5}{6}$,[‡] and the Provostry of Beverley about the same time. He was then certainly not more than 17, and probably only 15 years old. But he was already Canon of Lincoln[‡] (Melton ecclesia), 28 March, 1522, canon of York, being prebendary of Fridaythorpe,[‡] 30 Sept., 1522, which he vacated for the richer prebend of Strensall 9 Jan., 1523,[‡] canon of Southwell (Paleshall* 22 June, exchanged for Overhall 2 Aug.), 1522;* Chancellor of Salisbury Cathedral† and prebendary of Bedwind;† Archdeacon of Norfolk† and Archdeacon of York,† all which he became in the year 1523. To these at some date unascertained he had added the richest prebend of Beverley, that of S. Peter's, which on 28 Feb., 1526, was returned‡ as worth £48 a year. Within a few days or weeks of being made Provost of Beverley, on 26 March, 1526, he became Dean of Wells, by which title he was thenceforth known until the crash came in his father's fortunes.

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[*] Drake's *Eboracum*, p. 502-3. He gives "soul," but as the word clearly rhymes with "fall" and "terrestriall," I have corrected to a common spelling of the period "sall." The drawing of the tomb shows Dalby's round doctor's cap.

[†] *Visitations and Memorials of Southwell Minster*, p. 152.

[‡] Le Neve.

On 24 March, 1526, he received a grant of arms§ from the Heralds, and in addition to the other preferments already mentioned he is then said to be also rector of Rudby|| and of S. Matthew's, Ipswich. To these he added the archdeaconry of Suffolk 12 Nov., 1526.

He spent nearly all his time in Paris under various tutors, one of whom defends himself in 1519 because his pupil did not yet know Latin, from which Brewer infers that he was 10 years old and born in 1509. But at that time Latin was begun at a much tenderer age; and as on 24 May, 1528, Clerk wrote to Wolsey that he was three fingers taller than when Wolsey had last seen him, and beginneth to grow in breadth, we can hardly put him at more than eight years old in 1509. On 5 Oct., 1526, one of Wolsey's correspondents attended a Greek lecture at Paris with him. On 13 Sept., 1526, efforts were being made to obtain dispensations for him de defectu natalium, a proof positive (if such were wanting) of his illegitimate birth. This must have been wanted for him to take minor orders probably at the usual age of 15, as it was not till long after Wolsey's death that the question of his taking priest's orders necessitated further dispensations.

Meanwhile there were many complaints that he was making

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* *Visitations and Memorials of Southwell Minster*, 152.

† *Le Neve.*

‡ For rubric 7, Cal. Sta. Pa. under date

§ The arms were gorgeous. Argent, on a cross gules, between 4 turtle-doves proper, beaked purpure, with a garb between 4 besants: on a chief azure, a lion passant between 2 leopards' heads, or. The bearings in the chief savour of royalty. Fiddes' Collections, Appendix, p. 22.

|| Misprinted Rugby in Cal. Sta. Pa. under date. Rudby is in the North Riding in Cleveland.

the money fly, and causing Wolsey great uneasiness, though his tutors valiantly maintained that Paris was a very expensive place, and that it redounded to the Cardinal's credit that his scholar should make a good show.

Winter is commonly said to have been stripped of all his preferments on Wolsey's fall. But this is not so. He did, indeed, resign the deanery of Wells in 1528, the archdeaconry of Richmond, the prebend of Strensall, York, the prebend of Melton, Lincoln, the archdeaconries of Norfolk and Suffolk, and the chancellorship of Salisbury in the end of 1528 and beginning of 1529. But there is reason to believe that this was done with a view to his promotion to the see of Durham, as on 6 Oct., 1528, Wolsey wrote to the King to ask that see for his "pore scoler," the Dean of Wells, "when I shulde fortune to leve the same" for Winchester, pointing out that Winter's becoming a bishop would let loose a large amount of patronage to the King. Wolsey got the bishopric of Winchester, though the King must at that very time have decided on his destruction; and it was perhaps part of his insidiousness to let Winter resign his preferments, though he never intended to make him Bishop of Durham. Whatever the motive of the resignation, Winter at all events retained enough to make the fortune of any ordinary civil servant or ecclesiastic of the day. He remained Provost of Beverley, Archdeacon of York, and was prebendary of Rampton in Southwell Minster long after Wolsey's fall.

Wolsey himself wrote, 25 July, 1530, to Gardiner, his successor in the bishopric of Winchester, to thank him for his kind reception of "the Provost of Beverley," and for having taken him to see the King, "who had accepted him as his scholar." On Wolsey's death Winter returned to his studies in Italy, and there are many letters extant from him to Thomas Cromwell thanking him for his help, and generally asking for money. Thus on 14 July, 1531, he wrote that he did not know how to live "unless 200 crowns were sent before the end of August." The money "could be repaid out of his benefices." In 1534 he returned home without telling Cromwell, but writes to him, 9 July, that he had been graciously received by the King, and the Queen, Anne Boleyn, had called him her "dearest Winter."

In 1536 and 1537 he was appealing against the assessment of the Provostry in the Valor Ecclesiasticus, his receiver, Thomas Barton,* urging him † "to labour the Privy Seal," Cromwell, "to write to the Archbishop," as he should only pay £10 18s. 8d. for tenths instead of £17 2s. 10d.

A letter to Cromwell ‡ from the Commissioners for levying the tenths shows that the Valor is not an absolutely trustworthy document. They say "sum summes be confounded one in a nother, as, ther is putt upon the church of Beverley £17 2s. 10¼d., and no dyvision made what the Provostre should pay, nor what the commyn of the church of Beverley shuld pay. And by cause it is putt 'de ecclesia collegiata Sancti Johannis Beverle such a sum' we doubt how the same shall be levied. The Sacrista or Thesaurer of the church of Beverley is left out. The vj parsons in the same church be put Rectores ad altare S. N. in Beverlaco, where they shuld be named parsons in the same church. An vicareg of saint Michael § called Holm church in Beverley. Non such is there, but of saint Nicholas there is oon."

On 8 Oct., 1537, Winter was given a new preferment, the archdeaconry of Cornwall. On 9 July, 1540, he signed, as Archdeacon of Cornwall with the Southern, and as Provost of Beverley with the Northern Convocation, their joint judgment on the nullity of Henry VIII.'s marriage with Anne of Cleves. On 8 Nov., as canon and prebendary of Rampton, he signed the surrender of Southwell Minster to the King.‖ On 6 Feb., 1541, the King asked the Bishop and the Chapter of Exeter to confirm a lease by Thomas Winter, the King's servant, of the archdeaconry of Cornwall to one Thomas

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* An account of his in 22-3 Henry VIII., 1530-1, found among Cromwell's papers, is printed by Poulson, p. 614, with many errors, especially in the translation.

† 2 Feb. 1537, perhaps a mistake for 1536, Cal. Sta. Pa. under date.

‡ Brit. Mus. Galba E. iv. p. 370.

§ Oddly enough the reverse mistake was made by Mr. Page in the *Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, ii. 527, where he makes S. Nicholas prebend be in the hands of Sir Michael Stanhope. We might say, "None such was there, but of S. Michael there was one."

‖ Close Roll, 32 Henry VIII. pt. i. m. 3. Rymer xiv. 676. He had resigned Overhall Dec., 1529, but not as I thought (*Southwell Minster*, p. 160 *n.*), because he was made to resign all his benefices, but because he was taking Rampton prebend instead.

Body, who had spent much money in getting it and would lose if Winter died. On 25 May, 1543, John Pollard was collated to the archdeaconry of Cornwall on the resignation of Winter. This was the last known record of him.

We now learn that on 8 June, 1543, Reginald Lee, clerk, a son or nephew of Archbishop Edward Lee, was collated to the Provostry, vacant by the resignation of Mr. Thomas Wynter.* Winter was to receive a pension of £86 for five years, if he so long lived, payable half-yearly "on the font in the nave of S. Paul's,"† but at the end of five years the pension was to be £30 a year only. In the certificate taken under the Act for the dissolution of Colleges and Chantries, commonly called the Chantries Act, which vested the College as from Easter, 1548, in the Crown under‡ "The collegiate and parishe churche of Beverley" we read: "In the same is one parson, called the Provost, the incumbent wherof ys named Raynolde Lee, temporall man, of the age of xxij yeres or thereabouts." So that he had been appointed at the age of 20, and was still incapable of the holy orders which had been required of Aymo de Carto two and a half centuries earlier. By June, 1548, Reginald Lee himself was a pensioner at £50 a year, in respect of the Provostry of the dissolved college. So ended the ancient line of the Provosts of Beverley.

There is no space to discuss at length either the policy or the results of the dissolution of the college or church of Beverley. Whatever may have been the use of the college in earlier days, its continuance was almost as incompatible with the progress of knowledge and the destruction of superstition as the monasteries themselves.

To keep 77 persons, mostly better paid than the majority of people who did the work of the world, in laborious idleness, merely for the purpose of praying people, who had been dead for scores or hundreds of years, out of purgatory, or to scurry through seven services a day, which no one attended but themselves, was an anomaly and an anachronism as soon as people began to doubt whether any purgatory existed or to question the utility of vicarious religion. To attempt to represent the dissolution of those places as a mere outbreak of vulgar greed on the part of kings or nobles, who wanted to grab lands their ancestors had given, is merely to misunderstand the philosophy and misrepresent the facts of history.

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* *Reg. Lee*, f. 74.

† "Super fontem in navi cathedralis ecclesie divi Pauli London." This provision and that above quoted as to the archdeaconry of Cornwall looks as if Winter was ill and expecting to die.

‡ Surtee_ Society, *Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, ii. 524.

There is no evidence that any of the endowments of Beverley were given away gratis. Even the manor of Bentley, granted about 1552 to the Duke of Northumberland, the Prime Minister of the day, was granted for other lands received in exchange. The Crown, however, must have made very little profit from the suppression. The confiscated estates were burdened with heavy pensions to the late incumbents, some of which were still being paid till far on in the reign of James I. Meanwhile the Crown lost the advantage of the patronage of the Provostry and canonries, which, as we have seen, were practically used like the bishoprics and cathedral preferments to pay the civil service. With lay and married, and therefore more expensive, civil servants to pay, and the loss of ecclesiastical preferments to pay them with, the later Tudors and Stewarts found themselves even in the time of peace confronted with perpetual insolvency, or the necessity of perpetual Parliaments. Hence, in a way which has hitherto escaped attention, the Reformation of the sixteenth century was the cause of the revolution of the seventeenth century.

On the dissolution, provision was made for what were regarded as the three principal utilities of the Collegiate Church: the maintenance of the fabric of the church, its parochial ministers, and the Grammar School.

By s. 2 of the "Act for the dissolution of Colleges and Chantries," commissioners were to be appointed to assign endowments "for and towards the sufficient fynding and maynetenaunce of schoolmasters and preachers in such places where the same were founded or ordered to be kept, and for and towarde the sufficyent fyndyng and maynetenaunce of priestes within such townes or parisshes, where there is necessite to have mo priestes then one for the mynistracion of sacramentes and for the makyng vicars to have perpetuyte for ever in parishe churches, wiche [on the] first day of the Parliament were collegies . . . . and for the sufficyent indowment of suche vicars having respect to other cures and charges." Sir Walter Mildmay and Robert Kelway were appointed commissioners 20 June, 1548 *; but as there was not time to settle all the endowments, they were directed "till further order" to issue warrants to continue to pay so much money as had been yearly paid for this purpose. Warrants were issued accordingly 20 July, 1548.† That for the East Riding, including Beverley, is not extant. It probably perished at York in the great destruction of documents when S. Mary's tower was accidentally burnt in the siege of York by Fairfax during the Civil War. But it is referred to, and its effect appears in the account of ‡ Richard Whalley, esquire, the Receiver-General of the Court of Augmentations of the revenues of the Crown for Yorkshire for the year 1549-50.

Under the heading of "Pensions assigned and appointed to divers priests or assistants to the cures § for the ministry and support of divers services in divers parish churches in the East Riding (Est Riddinge)" we find those of

> "Thomas Michell, vicar of the parish church of Beverley, this year, £13 6s. 8d.
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> "Thomas Dringe, appointed to assist the cure in the parish aforesaid, £8.
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> "John Atkinson, incumbent of the late chantry of S. Katharine, appointed to assist the cure there in the same parish, vice Anthony Collison, now dead, £8.
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> "William Jeffrey, incumbent of the late chantry of Holy Trinity in Beverley, appointed to assist the same cure, £8."

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* *English Schools at the Reformation*, vii.-xvi. and 73-6. † *Ibid.* 76.

‡ P. R. O. Land Revenue Receivers' Accounts $\frac{122}{2}$. The first year, 1548-9, is not extant, nor that for 1550-1. That for 1551-2 is to be found under Exchequer Ministers' Accounts, 4-5 Edw. VI. No. 89; and that for 1552-3, 5-6 Edw. VI. No. 74. Many of the accounts missing from the Exchequer Ministers' Accounts, the natural place for them, will be found amongst the Land Revenue Records lately transferred to the Record Office.

§ It is doubtful whether the Latin is "assistentibus cure" or "assistentibus curatis," but probably the former.

All these payments are said to be

> "so granted to them and each of them at the pleasure of the Lord the King by mandate of Walter Mildmay, knight, a general surveyor of the Court of Augmentations, payable at Easter and Michaelmas equally, as appears more at large in the account of this office for the second and third years of the King."

The total amount of such payments in the Riding, including that to the Master of Hull Grammar School, was £96 13s. 4d.

This first Vicar of Beverley is described in the Chantry Certificates * as

> "Thomas Mighell, clerke, one of the said vicars choralles . . . . of the age of 52 yeres, indifferently larned, and hath over and besides the same promocion, one chauntry of the yerely value of £5 6s. 8d."

The vicar choralship was worth £8 a year, besides a share in the "common lands" of the vicars, which brought in £79 8s. 4d., and divisible among nine of them, added £8 16s. 5d. to their salary, more than doubling it. It is probable that he did not actually lose by the substitution of a salary of £13 6s. 8d. for £22 odd, as the Easter dues and other vicarial offerings probably made it up. Thomas Dring, appointed "assistant to the cure" at £8 was also a vicar choral "of the age of 27 years," and is lumped with the other vicars choral, other than Michell, as "of honest qualities and indifferently lerned, and having no other promocyon." He too lost the advantage of the common lands. Of the other assistant curates, each at £8, Anthony Collinson or Collynson, was incumbent of S. Katharine's chantry, "aged 39, of honest qualities and lerned." To him the assistant curacy was advancement, as his chantry † had only brought in £5 2s. 6d. a year. So it was to William Jeffrey or Jeffrason, one of the two priests of the Trinities,‡ formerly of S. Thomas of Canterbury,§ who only took £6 12s. from his chantry. John Atkinson, who succeeded Collinson, does not appear in the Chantry Certificates.

The Ministers' Accounts, which unfortunately were discovered too late for incorporation in the text of this volume, have enabled a list of the vicars of Beverley down to the cessation of these accounts in the Civil War to be compiled,

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* *Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, ii. 529.

† *Ibid.* 531. This was Rolleston's chantry.

‡ *Ibid.* 532.

§ Poulson, 638.

which if it cannot be vouched for as absolutely complete, is at least more correct than the very inaccurate ones given by former historians. It should be noted that from 1565 the vicar of Beverley is generally called Preacher in the accounts, and that was his common title. In those days not every vicar or rector, still less any budding curate, was allowed to preach, but only a select few, specially licensed for the purpose. The common herd had to read the homilies drawn up by authority for the purpose. Hence the title of Preacher was a far more august one than that of vicar, and was in those days of far more importance; and at Beverley it long superseded that of vicar.

These Ministers' Accounts also enable us to fill up the gap which hitherto has existed in the history of Beverley Grammar School, and to connect the pre-dissolution school with that now existing. Hitherto there has been no direct evidence of the existence of the school after the dissolution until 1562, when the Governors of the town paid the schoolmaster 12s.* for teaching a poor boy. Poulson had expressed his surprise † that the burgesses had not petitioned at Beverley as elsewhere for the continuance of the school. It now appears that they had taken steps for its continuance. For in the Receiver-General's account already quoted are entries of two payments for its maintenance. Under the heading of "Fees and Annuities" we find—‡

> "Annuity of Thomas Jervis, schoolmaster in the church of Beverley at £8 a year, so granted to him for life by Letters Patent of the King Edward VI. dated at Westminster —— day —— year; for a whole year within the time of this account £8."

The date was not filled in, but a marginal note in the original says "Entre the date of the lettres patent." The date was, however, never entered either in that or in subsequent accounts. Apparently it was never entered on the Patent Rolls, as it cannot be found there now. In the same account under the same heading, where the pensions to the vicar and assistants occur, is the further entry relating to the school.

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* *Early Yorkshire Schools*, i. 116.

† *Beverlac*, 452.

‡ Et in annuitate Thome Jervis, ludi magistri in ecclesia Beverlaci ad viij.li per annum.

> "Robert Robinson, schoolmaster (ludimagister), founded by the chantry of S. William in Beverley, £6 9s. 11d."

There being two schoolmasters thus paid, it must be concluded that Jervis was the master or head master and Robinson the usher or second master, who had been separately endowed by the chantry of S. William. The usher (ostiarius) appears as a witness in some deeds relating to the Minster early in the thirteenth century, while in Archbishop Arundel's Statutes of 1391, p. 268, he is called under-master (sub magister scolarum). S. William's Chantry was founded by William Cok or Cook, who was Precentor of Beverley from 1 March, 1480.* He was, no doubt, the same person as Mr. William Cook who was executor of Robert Booth, Dean of York, 23 Jan., 148⅞,† for whose soul, with that of John Barnyngham, Provost Hugh Trotter, by his will in 1303,‡ directed his successor as Treasurer of York to pray. He was possibly the rector of Brandsburton of that name to whom Bryan Hulme of Beverley, esquire, granted a close at Brandsburton between the rector's manor (curiam) and the East field, 11 Jan., 1458.§

Cook was dead by 1500, as appears from a document of that date,‖

> "A list and trew rental of all the lands tenements and possessions that belongyth to the chauntrie of Sanct William in the collegiate church of Sainct John of Beverley, funded by Mr. William Cok, lait chaunter of the sayd church, deceased, without ordinance makyng, but by will and feoffment."

Being founded by a Precentor this chantry-school may be thought to have been a Song School. But there is evidence to the contrary. The Fabric Roll for the year 1531-2 is at the Record Office¶ and shows us that George Morsell, the chantry priest of S. Anne, was the Master of the choristers or Song School Master, for which he received £2 6s. 8d. a year, in addition to the value of the chantry, viz. £7 6s. 8d. in 1531, returned as £6 17s. clear in 1548. Morsell still held that chantry in 1548,* being then 58 years old, and was pensioned for it. Moreover, it was only Grammar Schools which were saved by the Chantries Act. The Song Schools perished.

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* Brit. Mus. Add. Ch. 5773. It is a grant by Roger Suthron and others, executors of Katharine, Roger's wife, to Robert Wod, clerk, of two houses on the Provost's Fee by the Beck, and is witnessed by Provost Poteman and the three dignitaries and two laymen.

† Surtees Society, *Test. Ebor.* iv. 32. Canon Raine in his note wrongly identified him with one of the same name who was canon of Ripon (Thorp) from 1497 to 1521. *Memorials of Ripon*, ii. 220.

‡ *Test. Ebor.* iv. 220. § Lansd. Ch. 428. ‖ Brit. Mus. Add. Ch. 25703.

¶ A translation is given by Poulson, p. 638.

Who Thomas Jervis was, or from what fund he was previously paid as schoolmaster, cannot be ascertained. His name does not occur in the Chantry Certificate for Beverley. It must be presumed that either he had been paid from the common lands of the church, or, perhaps, by the chancellor, whose deputy he originally was and who still had the appointment. At the sister minster of Southwell the schoolmaster received payments from both sources.

The payments ordered by the Warrants were continued to Thomas Jervis and to Robert Robinson throughout the reign of Edward VI.† under the same form.

In the account of 6 Edward VI. to 1 Mary, *i.e.* Michaelmas 1552-3,‡ the entry ends "in such allowance for the first half of the year, besides £4 to be paid by the Governors of the church of Beverley, £4." There is a marginal note in English: "Note. The Governors of the towne must paie the other moytie out of the lands of the church yerely, which lands were geven to the Governors lately by King E. the vjth." So in the next year for which the accounts are extant, 2 and 3 to 3 and 4 Philip and Mary, 1556-7,§ the entry appears "in such allowance yearly beyond £4 paid yearly by the Governors of the church of Beverley, £8," but the £8 is crossed through, and a note in Latin adds "cancelled because not paid."§ The payment to Robinson was made as usual. The explanation is that the burgesses of Beverley presented a petition‖ to the Crown, pointing out that the Minster was like to fall into utter ruin and decay through loss of the lands assigned to the support of the fabric

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* *Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, ii. 533.

† Exchequer Ministers' Accounts, 4-5 Edw. VI. No. 89. and 5-6 Edw. VI. No. 74.

‡ Land Revenue Receivers' Accounts, $\frac{122}{3}$.

§ Exchequer Ministers' Accounts.

‖ *Early Yorkshire Schools*, i. 113. I there dated the petition 1552. It is undated in the original, but tacked on to other papers of that year dealing with it. It may have been presented earlier.

> "to the yerelie value of threescore poundes and above . . . . though not within the compas of the statute . . . . for the dissolucion of colleges and chauntries."

And also as Beverley was—

> "a market towne and the greatest* within all Estryding of your Majesties countie of Yorke, having a grate nombre of youthe within the same and 5000 persons and above, whereof some of them be apte and mete to be brought up in learning, whiche are not, for as muche as there is neither gramer schole or any other schole as yet founded, wherewith they might be brought up in any vertuous studie."

Either this petition was made before the warrants issued in August, 1548, or it must be understood to mean that the Beverley folk did not, as their less well informed successors in many cases do, consider that Edward VI. in substituting a fixed payment for an old endowment had founded a school. They asked for a grant of the Fabric Lands, and "allso that there may be created within the said towne, of your moost princely fundacion one Fre Gramer Schole." The petition was referred by the Privy Council 6 July, 1552, to Sir Richard Sackville, Chancellor of the Court of Augmentations, who reported, as was indeed the case, that the Fabric Lands, called "the Office of the Woorkes," worth £68 1s. a year, were possessions of the collegiate church, and therefore the King had good title to them. This report did not prevent the petition being granted. On 23 Nov., 1552, it was found that "my lordes grace," *i.e.* the Duke of Northumberland, held by a recent exchange the manor of Bentley, part of the Fabric Lands, "so there must be other lands assigned to the like value." Among the Chantry Certificates † is a terrier of the lands so proposed to be assigned. I am now (pp. 354-7) able to give the actual grant from the Town Records. The grant was made by a decree of the Court of Augmentations 12 November, 1552. It was "ordered and decreed that the twelve Governors . . . . shall receyve and take . . . . so mouche of the said . . . . landes . . . . called the Office of Works" as still remained in the Crown, amounting to £33 18s. 4d. net a year (for, besides Bentley, lands to the value of £3 a year had also been sold); and in lieu of Bentley, worth £18 5s., the lands of the chantries of S. John of Beverley and S. William, worth £14 18s. 4d., together with an annual 'pencion' of £4 13s. 4d., payable by them to the Crown for the chantry of S. Katharine in S. Mary's Church. The property thus assured to the Governors is not specified in further detail in the grant. It is, however, set out in a terrier among the Chantry Certificates.* There is a similar Roll at Beverley, but whether it belongs to the same date, or to 1578, when it is marked as examined by Anthony Rowe, auditor, who describes the church as "a very large and goodly monument," is by no means clear. In it the rental of the Fabric Lands is given as £34 6s. 11d. instead of £33 15s. 10d., as stated in the decree. From this Roll it appears that seven of the pensioned vicars choral or chantry priests were still living in chambers (*cubiculi*) by the churchyard belonging to the Fabric Lands.

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* This is interesting as showing that even then Edward I.'s foundation, Hull, had not yet outstripped the ancient capital of the Riding.

† *Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, ii. 543.

The Governors were ordered to "employ" all the income "upon the reparacions of the said church" as before time has been accustomed, and they were to account to the King's auditor of the county how it was employed. Strangely enough nothing is said about the Grammar School, which was equally the object of the petition.

From the entry quoted above from the Ministers' Accounts that the Governors of the town, by mistake called Governors of the church, had undertaken to pay the Master's salary, it almost looks as if the school had been omitted accidentally. But it may have been intended to have a separate grant and charter of foundation for the school. As all payments for schools by the Crown under the Mildmay warrants were stopped in 1555 until those entitled sued out fresh decrees from the Court of Exchequer, and many of them never did so, and as none of the Beverley Town accounts, from 1548 to 1562, are extant, there seem to be no means of discovering exactly what happened.

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* *Ibid.* 544. The Beverley Roll corrects some mistakes or misreadings of the Record Office document, *e.g.* Cawood not Calworde, was the name of the late incumbent of S. Katharine's Chantry. There are some very odd discrepancies between the two terriers. The most remarkable is that while the certificate says that the Town Governors paid the rent of S. Katharine's Chantry, the Town Roll makes it payable by the Churchwardens of S. Mary's.

That there was a school in 1562 is clear from payments being made to the schoolmaster's players for plays, showing that here as elsewhere the school plays took the place of the old Corpus Christi pageants. It seems probable that in some form Jervis or Robinson or both continued in office being paid from some other source than the town revenues. When in 1575 a definite payment to the master reappears it is at the rate of £21, more than double that of the Headmasters of Winchester and Eton, who still received only the old stipends of £10 a year. William Richardson, "clerk," who received it, had been assistant curate in 1565, and in 1577 became preacher and vicar, so it is possible he had, all the time he was assistant, been also master.

At all events we have now shown that the old school went on throughout the reign of Edward VI. and part of Mary's reign. The gap which in Poulson's time was 50 years, and in *Early Yorkshire Schools* was 14 years, is now reduced to the interval between 1555 and 1562. Further research may make it disappear altogether. It is pleasant to think that at all events this most useful part of the old college still does useful work a thousand years after its first creation.

In conclusion, I have to return thanks to Professor Skeat for his notes and comments on the famous rhyming charter of King Athelstan (p. 280); to Canon Nolloth, Vicar of Beverley, for the use of the Provost's Book at home (p. 305-43); to the Corporation and Town Clerk of Beverley, Mr. J. W. Mills, for like facilities for documents (p. 353-66); and above all to the Secretary, Mr. W. Brown, for the extracts from the Archbishops' Registers at York (p. 137-239) and many dates of Provosts from the same source.

Too late for inclusion in the text, I unexpectedly found a clue to Robert of Abberwick in the early Account Rolls of Merton College, Oxford. Mr. Robert of Alberwik as a Fellow of the college served his turn as Steward of Hall for a week, in 1285. In 1286 he received a special livery of 38^s 8$\frac{1}{4}$^{d}., and "for his expenses to Pontelond 24^s; and by the hands of Mr. John of Tyten in part payment for Mr. Robert of Alberwyk's journey to Pontelond 24^s, and 10^s by the hands of Mr. William of Hy, which he owed him." The Accounts of the College after 1286 know him no more. So it is clear that he vacated his fellowship in that year for the living of Ponteland in Northumberland, which belonged to Merton College. The late Warden Brodrick* identifies him with one called Albert of Alberwick who had been made third bursar by Archbishop Kilwardby on his visitation of the College in 1276.

On 13 Jan., 129$\frac{2}{3}$, Mr. Robert of Albuwyke † (no doubt a misreading of Alberwyk), Perpetual Vicar of the collegiate church of S. Andrew's Auckland, Bishop Auckland, near Durham, was made the first Dean of that church with an augmented prebend derived from the tithes of land newly reclaimed from the forest. Abberwick was therefore one of the earliest scions of Merton to attain great preferment, and one of the first Provosts of Beverley to owe his preferment to academical, and not to civil service distinction.

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* *Memorials of Merton College* (Oxford Historical Society), 185.

† Dugdale, *Monasticon*, vi. 1335.

PROVOSTS.

Corrected List.*	Previous Lists.‡
1. 1092. Thomas the younger. King's Chaplain: Bp. London: Abp. York.	1. 1092. Thomas. Abp. York.
2. 1108. Thomas the Norman.†	2. 1101. Thurstan. Abp. York.
3. 1132. Thurstan.† Archdn. Richmond.	3. 1108. Thomas the Norman.[1] Abp. York.
4. 1153. (?) Roger. Abp. York.	4. 1135. Robert de Gaute.[2]
5. 1154. Thomas à Becket. Chancellor: Abp. Canterbury.	5. 1139. Thomas a Becket.[3] Abp. Canterbury.
6. 1162. Geoffrey.† Chancellor of young King Henry: drowned at sea.	6. 1154. Robert.[4]
7. 1177. Robert.† Canon York.	7. 1179. Geoffrey Plantagenet.[5] Chanc.: Abp. York.
8. 1202. Simon Fitzrobert or Wells. Bp. Chichester.	8. 1196. Simon de Apulia.[6] Bp. Exeter.
9. 1204. Alan.† Canon Ripon.	

Those marked † died Provosts.

* An attempt is made to give the chief preferment, civil and ecclesiastical other than the Provostry, to which each Provost attained.

‡ This List is that given by Poulson, mainly founded on that in Leland's Itinerary. The notes give the divergencies of the Lists in Dugdale's *Monasticon*, Oliver's *History of Beverley*, and Mr. Baildon's *Monastic Notes*, Yorkshire Archæological Society, Record Series, xvii. Some references are given to Torre's List which still remains in MS. in the Archbishop's Registry at York.

[1] Poulson says Thomas the Norman was consecrated as Archbishop in June, 1109, which he had previously said of Thomas the 1st Provost. This Thomas was never Archbishop. Oliver gives 1114 as his date.

[2] O. only calls him Robert, and Dugdale Robert de Gante. Instead of Robert, Torre gives Roger, afterwards Archbishop of York.

[3] Torre dates 1154.

[4] O. dates 1162, Torre 1161.

[5] O. dates 1170, calling him simply Galfridus.

[6] O. dates 1189, calling him simply Simon.

Corrected List.	Previous Lists.
10. 1212. Morgan.† Son of Henry II. : Bp. elect Durham.	9. 1213. Fulk Basset.[1] Bp. London. 10. 1213. John Cheshull.[2] Chancellor.
11. 1217. William.	
12. 1218. Peter of Sherburn.† Canon and Official of the Court of York.	
13. 1222. Fulk Basset. Dean York : Bp. London.	
14. 1239. William of York. Bp. Salisbury.	11. 1240. William of York.[3] Bp. Salisbury.
15. 1244. William of Cantilupe.† Son of Chief Justice.	
16. 1247. John Mansell.† Privy Seal : Chanc. Exchequer : Chanc. S. Paul's.	12. 1248. John Mansel.[4] Chief Justice. 13. 1251. Alan.[5]
17. 1263. John Chesull. Chanc. Exchequer : Treasurer : B . London.	14. 1265. Morgan.[6] Natural son of Henry II.
18. 1274. Peter of Chester † Baron Exchequer.	15. 1222. Peter de Chester.[7]
19. 1294. Aymo de Carto (Hamo de Quarto). King's Clerk : Bp. Geneva.	16. 1298. Haymo de Quarto-[8] Bp. Giberenensis.
20. 1304. 8 June. Robert of Abberwick †, (Alberwyk).	17. 1306. Robert de Alburwyck.[9]

Those marked † died Provosts.

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[1] O. dates 1206. Torre adds Provost M. between Simon of Apulia and Fulk Basset.

[2] O. dates 1238, Dugdale 1234. Mr. Baildon cuts him in two and gives another John de Chishull 1267, between Morgan and Peter of Chester. He was never Chancellor of England.

[3] O. gives date 1241. Torre gives Peter of Shirburn before William of York.

[4] Dugdale gives date 1247, to which Mr. Baildon adds 1260. He was never Chief Justice.

[5] O. dates 1268.

[6] O. dates 1270. Mr. Baildon cuts this Provost also in two, putting one Morgan in 1212 and another in 1265.

[7] 1222 must be a misprint for 1282, the date given by Dugdale. O. dates 1273.

[8] O. dates 1294, calling him Haymo de Charto, "afterwards Bishop of Gloucester, according to Leland."

[9] O. dates 1300. Dugdale and Torre put John of Nassington, 1304, before R. of Alberwick. Mr. Baildon calls him Naffington. John of Nassington Official of the Court of York, was a canon of Beverley and York, never Provost.

Corrected List.	Previous Lists.
21. 1306. Walter Reynolds. 3 Apr. Chancellor: Bp. Worcester: Abp. Canterbury.	18. 1308. Walter.[1]
22. 1308. William of Melton. 22 Oct. Abp. York: Chancellor.	19. 1310. William de Melton.[2] Chanc.: Treasurer: Abp. York.
23. 1318. Nicholas of Hugate † (Huggate). 2 Jan. Keeper of Wardrobe: Can. York: bur. in Minster.	20. 1317. Nicholas de Huggate.[3]
24. 1338. William de la Mare. 24 June. Nephew of Abp. Melton: Can. York.	21. 1338. William de la Mare.[4]
25. 1360. Richard of Ravenser. 4 Oct. Master in Chancery: Archdn. Lincoln.	22. 1347. Richard de Ravenser.[5]
26. 1370. Adam of Lymbergh (Limber). Son of Ch. Baron Exchequer.	23. 1370. Adam de Lymbergh.[6]
27. 1373. John of Thoresby † 20 Apr. Nephew Abp. Thoresby: Can. York.	24. 1373. John de Thoresby.[7] M. R.: Bp. St. David's; Worcester: Abp. York: Cardinal.
28. 1380. Robert Manfeld.† Master in Chancery: Can. York, St. Paul's.	25. 1381. Robert Manfield.[8]
29. 1419. William Kinwolmarsh.† 6 May. Treasurer of England.	26. 1419. William Kinwolmarsh.
30. 1422. Robert Neville. 18 Dec. Bp. Salisbury, then Durham.	27. 1422. Robert Neville. Bp. Salisbury; Durham.
31. 1427. Robert Rolleston.† 7 Dec. Keeper of Wardrobe: buried in Minster.	28. 1427. Robert Rolleston.[9]
32. 1451. John Barningham.† 14 Jan. Treasurer York: died and buried there.	29. 1450. John Birmingham.

Those marked † died Provosts.

[1] O. dates 1306 and calls him Walter de Raymund, afterwards Bishop of Worcester. Torre calls him correctly Reynolds.

[2] O. dates 1308. Mr. Baildon says Abp. of York 1315, for 1318.

[3] O. dates 1315; Dugdale 1317, to which Mr. Baildon adds 1335.

[4] Mr. Baildon adds 1347.

[5] O. dates 1365.

[6] Mr. Baildon adds 1371.

[7] Mr. Baildon adds 1378. Abp. Thoresby was never a Cardinal.

[8] Mr. Baildon adds 1413.

[9] Mr. Baildon adds 1439.

CORRECTED LIST.	PREVIOUS LISTS.
33. 1457. Laurence Booth. 31 May. Bp. Durham : Abp. York : Chancellor.	30. 1453 Laurence Booth.[1] Chanc. : Bp. Durham : Abp. York.
34. 1458. John Booth. 12 Jan. King's Sec. : Bp. Exeter.	31. 1457. John Routh.[2] Bp. Exeter.
35. 1465. Henry Webber. July. Dean Exeter.	32. 1465. Henry Webber.[3]
36. 1465. Peter Taster.† 30 Sept. King's clerk : Dean St. Severin, Bordeaux:	33. 1466. Peter Taster.[4]
	34. 1468. Thomas Scot,[5] surnamed Rotheram. Bp. Rochester ; Lincoln : Chanc. : Abp. York.
37. 1467. William Poteman.† 30 Mar. Warden All Souls' Coll. Oxon. : Archdn. E. R. : bur. York Minster.	35. 1472. William Potman.[6]
38. 1493. Hugh Trotter.† 27 Mar. Master Pembroke Hall, Camb. : Treasurer York : bur. York Minster.	36. 1490. Hugh Trotter.[7]
39. 1503. Thomas Dalby.† 12 Sept. Archdn. Richmond : Privy Councillor : bur. York Minster.	37. 1503. Thomas Dalby.
40. 1526. Thomas Winter. March. Son of Card. Wolsey : Dean Wells : Archdn. York and Cornwall.	38. No date. Thomas Winter.[8] Son of Cardinal Wolsey.
41. 1543. Reginald Lee. 8 June. Kinsman of Abp. Lee.	39. *Reginald Lee.*[9]
1548. End of Collegiate Church : Easter Day. Lee pensioned.	

Those marked † died Provosts.

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[1] O. calls him Bouthe and dates 1437. Torre dates 1457.

[2] O. calls him Bouthe.

[3] O. dates 1461.

[4] Dugdale dates 1469.

[5] O. puts Thomas Scot between Trotter and Dalby. Dugdale omits him, and Mr. Baildon dates him 1468 between Webber and Taster. In fact Rotheram was never called Scot ; his name was probably not Scot ; and he was never Provost.

[6] O. dates 1475.

[7] O. dates 1493.

[8] O. dates 1525.

[9] Poulson did not know of Lee. O. gives him without date. Dugdale and Torre date him 1544.

BEVERLEY MINSTER: CHAPTER ACT BOOK.

A.D. 1286—1347.

Nassington.

xciij.—Die Purificationis Beatæ Mariæ Virginis A.D. supradicto, Obiit Magister Johannes de Nassington, dudum hujus ecclesiæ Canonicus, qui ante resignationem suam quæ facta fuit per dimidium anni ante mortem suam, capam pulcherrimam Deo et Beato Johanni contulit, et alia multa bona huic ecclesiæ Beati Johannis contulit.

Cujus animæ propitietur Deus. Amen.

132½.
2 Feb.
Death of Mr. J. of Nassington, who had resigned half a year before and given a beautiful cope. Bless his soul.

Undecimo Kalendas Martii A.D. supradicto, Obiit Dominus Nicholaus de Notingham, hujus ecclesiæ Sacrista.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Nos Auditor venerabilis Capituli [etc.] omnia bona dicti Domini Nicholai infra jurisdictionem dicti Capituli existentia sequestravimus, Inhibentes sub pœna excommunicationis ne quis dicta bona alienet, etc.

132½.
19 Feb.
Death of Sir Nich. of Nottingham, sacrist.

Sequestration of his goods by Chapter's assessor.

Collatio Cancellariæ Beverlacensis per Præpositum.

cvj. 2.—Nicholaus de Hugat, Præpositus ecclesiæ [etc.] Dilecto clerico nostro Magistro Alano de Cotum, presbitero, Salutem in Domino.

Ob grata probitatis merita et alia virtutum dona, quibus te Dominus laudabiliter insignivit, volentes personam tuam, quam speramus divina gratia fructum oportunum in dicta Beverlacensi ecclesia processu temporis allaturam, favoris prosequi benevolentiæ gratia amplioris, Cancellariam ejusdem ecclesiæ Beverlacensis vacantem, et ad nostram collationem spectantem, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis tibi conferimus, intuitu caritatis. Vale.

Datis apud London vicesimo die Februarii A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo} xxj^{o}.

132½.
20 Feb.
N. of Huggate, Provost, to Mr. Alan of Coatham, priest.

On account of the grateful merits of probity and other virtues with which the Lord has marked you, desirous of following your person, which we hope will bring good fruit to the church of Beverley, with more favour we appoint you to the chancellorship of Beverley.

Dated London.

Admissio Domini Nicholai de Malton, Sacristæ.

132½. 24 March.

Proctors of N. of Malton, Sacrist, produce to Assessor

xciij. b. 2.—Nono Kalendas Aprilis A.D. supradicto, Johannes de Eboraco, clericus, et Willelmus de Hugat, procuratores Domini Nicholai de Malton, Sacristæ, comparuerunt coram nobis Auditore [etc.] et porrexerunt litteras reverendi viri Magistri Dionisii Avenel, Canonici ecclesiæ prædictæ, continentiæ infrascriptæ.

Domino Johanni de Risindon seipsum.

Letter of Canon D. of Avenel to instal him.

Ad installandum Dominum Nicholaum de Malton in Sacristia in ecclesia Beverlacensi per Dominum Præpositum eidem collata seu procuratorem ejus, ac cetera quæ in hac parte fuerint facienda, vobis committo, quo ad me attinet, vices meas.

Valetis. Datis Eboraci.

Hac die Lunæ porrexerunt etiam nobis litteras præsentationis continentiæ infrascriptæ.

Præsentatio.

132½. 24 Feb. Provost N. of Huggate to Chapter.

Reverendæ discretionis viris Venerabili Capitulo [etc.], Nicholaus de Hugate, Præpositus ecclesiæ prælibatæ, Salutem in eo qui est vera salus.

Having conferred the sacristy on my clerk Nich. son of Wm. of Malton, of Huggate,

Quia dilecto clerico meo Nicholao, nato Willelmi de Malton de Hugate, in dicta Beverlacensi ecclesia fructum, ut spero, oportunum processu temporis allaturo, Sacristiam ejusdem ecclesiæ Beverlacensis per mortem Domini Nicholai de Notingham vacantem, et ad collationem meam spectantem cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis contuli intuitu caritatis.

Please admit him.

Attentius vos requiro, quatinus dictum Nicholaum natum præfati Willelmi ad eandem Sacristiam favorabiliter admittatis.

Quod vestrum est in hac parte velitis ulterius exequi circa ipsum. Prospere et diu in Domino valeatis.

Scriptum apud London vj Kalendas Martii anno gratiæ millesimo ccc^{mo}xxj^{mo}.

Quibus lectis exhibuerunt procuratorium suum.

Procuratorium.

xciiij.—Noverint universi quod ego Nicholaus, natus Willelmi de Maltona de Hugate, clericus, in omnibus causis et negotiis personam meam qualitercunque contingentibus, motis vel movendis, coram quibuscunque judicibus ordinariis, delegatis, et eorum commissariis quibuscunque, quotiens me abesse vel adesse contigerit, Dilectos mihi in Christo Magistrum Johannem de Eboraco et Willelmum de Driffeld, clericos, procuratores meos ordino et facio [etc. as on p. 227.]

132½.
25 Feb.
Proxy of Nicholas, son of Wm. of Malton of Huggate, clerk to Mr. J. of York, and Wm. of Driffield to act for him in obtaining possession of any ecclesiastical benefice.

Et quia sigillum meum pluribus est incognitum sigillum Domini N. de Hugate, Præpositi ecclesiæ [etc.], apponi procuravi.

Sealed with Provost's seal.

Datis apud London v Kalendas Martii A.D. millesimo trecentesimo vicesimo primo.

Dated London.

Admissio Cancellarii.

xciiij. b. 1.—vj Kalendas Aprilis anno Domini supradicto Magister Alanus de Cotum comparuit coram Capitulo, Magistro Dionisio Avenel et Domino Willelmo de Sothill, canonicis, et Domino Johanne de Risindon tunc Capituli Auditore, Capitulum repræsentantibus; et porrexit eidem Capitulo litteras domini Præpositi in hæc verba:

1322.
27 Mar.
Mr. Alan of Coatham appeared in Chapter and presented letters from Provost N. of Huggate.

Viris venerabilibus et discretis Reverendo Capitulo [etc.] Nicholaus de Hugat, Præpositus ecclesiæ prælibatæ, Salutem et sinceræ dilectionis augmentum continuum cum honore.

132½.
20 Feb.

Quia dilecto clerico meo, Magistro Alano de Cotum, presbitero, in dicta Beverlacensi ecclesia fructum ut spero oportunum processu temporis allaturo, Cancellariam dictæ Beverlacensis ecclesiæ vacantem, et ad meam collationem spectantem, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis contuli intuitu caritatis; Attentius vos requiro, quatinus dictum Magistrum Alanum ad eandem Cancellariam favorabiliter admittentes, quod vestrum est in hac parte velitis ulterius exequi circa ipsum.

Asking the Chapter to admit him to chancellorship.

Prospere et diu in Christo valeatis. Scriptis apud London xx die Februarii anno gratiæ $\text{m}^{\text{o}}\text{ccc}^{\text{mo}}\text{xxj}^{\text{mo}}$.

Quibus lectis et intellectis, requisitus a Capitulo an vellet dictam Cancellariam acceptare, respondit se velle ipsam

Coatham said he would only take it if he could hold his present benefice with cure of souls with it.

acceptare, sub tali protestatione, si ipsam cum beneficio curato quod tunc optinuit posset de jure et licite retinere; aliter non: protestabatur insuper se nolle priori beneficio renuntiare propter ipsam Cancellariam ullo modo.

He is admitted on those terms.

Qua protestatione facta et per Capitulum admissa, ipsum Capitulum dictum Magistrum Alanum ad dictam Cancellariam admisit, salvo sibi in omnibus effectu protestationis prædictæ; et ipsum in spiritualibus per librum, et in temporalibus per panem investivit.

Quibus actis, in habitu regulari juramentum præstitit consuetum, hoc excepto, quod in fine juramenti dixit, quod residentiam faceret, nisi secum per ipsos vel per ipsum, ad quos vel ad quem in hac parte dispensatio pertinet, esset legitime dispensatum.

Quo præstito, assignatoque ei stallo in choro, inductus fuit in corporalem possessionem dictæ Cancellariæ per Dominum Johannem de Risindon, tunc Camerarium, et ibidem protestationem quam prius emiserat in Capitulo puplice recitabat, videlicet, quod dictam Cancellariam admiserat si eam cum beneficio quod tunc habuit posset de jure et licite retinere.

*Dispensavit Capitulum de non Residentia Cancellarii.**

Dispensation for non-residence at pleasure of Chapter.

Eodem die Capitulum dispensavit cum dicto Magistro Alano super non residentiam durante ipsa licentia seu dispensatione ad beneplacitum Capituli antedicti.

N. of Malton admitted accordingly by proxy.

xciiij. 2.—Quibus lectis et intellectis dictum Dominum Nicholaum ad dictam Sacristiam in personas procuratorum prædictorum vice Capituli admisimus, et in spiritualibus per librum et in temporalibus per panem ipsum in personas procuratorum, et ipsos procuratores nomine ipsius investivimus, stallum in choro assignantes, et in corporalem possessionem ipsius Sacristiæ inducentes, juramento ab eisdem in animam domini sui præstito corporali; assignato dicto Domino Nicholao in personas dictorum procuratorum, quod compareat instanti festo Nativitatis Beati Johannis Baptistæ coram Capitulo ad præstandum personaliter juramentum, prout ecclesia prædicta et officium suum in eadem exigunt et requirunt.

24 June assigned to him for taking the necessary oaths in person.

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* In later, sixteenth century, hand.

Presentation and Admission of Grammar Schoolmaster.

xciiij. b. 2.—Kalendas Aprilis Idem Magister Alanus comparuit coram Capitulo, supradictis canonicis et Auditore Capitulum repræsentantibus, et Magistrum Galfridum de Witeby, cui contulerat regimen Scolarum grammaticalium Beverlacensium ad suam collationem spectantium, ad ipsas scolas sine præfinitione temporis regendas secundum antiquam consuetudinem hujus ecclesiæ præsentavit;

Quem secundum formam præsentationis de persona sua factæ, Capitulum admisit, et injunxit sibi in virtute sacramenti prius præstiti, quod ipsas scolas fideliter regat, et omnia faciat et fieri faciat, prout consuetudo hujusmodi ecclesiæ et scolarum prædictarum exigit et requirit.

1322.
1 April.
Mr. Alan of Coatham, Chancellor, presented Geoffrey of Whitby, whom he had collated to Beverley Grammar School, no term being fixed according to ancient custom. The Chapter admitted him with an oath to teach school faithfully and do all that custom required.

xciiij. b. 3.—Quarto die mensis Aprilis A.D. supradicto Defectus domorum Cancellariæ taxabantur per vicarios et perpetuos clericos chori ad centum solidos; de qua pecunia Magister Alanus nunc Cancellarius recepit de bonis Magistri Roberti de Biham prædecessoris xx^{s}.

1322.
4 April.
The dilapidations of the Chancellor's house assessed at £5, of which Mr. Alan received from his predecessor's estate £1.

Procuratorium pro procuratore faciendo.

ccxxvij. b. 2.—Venerandæ discretionis viro domino Officiali Curiæ Eboracensis vel ejus Commissario generali, Capitulum [etc.] Salutem [etc.].

1322.
4 April.
Chapter to official of York.

Vestræ dominationi Reverendæ significamus quod nos ad comparendum coram vobis vel Commissario vestro generali in majori ecclesia Eboracensi hac instanti die Mercurii, proxima post Dominicam qua cantatur "quasi modo geniti," ad tractandum super procuratoribus, juxta formam mandati Regii inde directi ordinandis et ad instans Parliamentum apud Eboracum a die Paschæ proximo futuro in tres septimanas Deo favente celebrandum, nomine totius cleri Eboracensis Diocœsis destinandis, necnon super omnibus et singulis dictum mandatum regium contingentibus, et ad faciendum, conficiendum et recipiendum quod ipsius mandati Regii natura exigit et requirit, et ad substituendum alium procuratorem loco sui, prout sibi et nobis visum fuerit expedire; Dilectum nobis in Christo Magistrum Dionisium Avenel, concanonicum et confratrem nostrum præsentium exibitorem, nostrum facimus et constituimus procuratorem:

They have appointed Mr. Dennis Avenel, their proctor, to meet the official for appointment of proctors of clergy of diocese to Parliament to meet at York 3 weeks after Easter.

Ratum habentes habiturique et firmum quicquid dictus procurator noster, seu substitutus ab eodem fecerit in præmissis.

In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum.

Datis in Capitulo nostro ij Nonas Aprilis, A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo}xxij.

Obitus J. Nassingtona.

1322. 19 April. The Company of Vicars of the Minster to Gilbert and Walter of Yarwell.

Receipt for £20 bequeathed by Canon J. of Nassington for obit, with Mass for Dead at High Altar on 1 Feb. yearly.

xcv.—Universis pateat per præsentes quod Nos cœtus Vicariorum ecclesiæ Sancti Johannis Beverlacensis recepimus de reverendis viris Executoribus testamenti felicis recordationis Magistri Johannis de Nassington, dudum canonici ecclesiæ Sancti Johannis Beverlacensis, viginti libras sterlingorum per manus Dominorum Gilberti et Walteri de Yarewell, nobis in testamento ipsius defuncti relictas, ad comparandum annuum redditum sufficientem pro celebratione et sustentatione anniversarii seu obitus sui, cum exequiis mortuorum, et missa pro defunctis cum nota in choro dictæ ecclesiæ, ad magnum altare, in vigilia Purificationis Beatæ Mariæ si in die Dominica non evenerit, et si in Dominica, fiat in die præcedente, annis singulis imperpetuum facienda, prout in clausula in testamento suo contenta quæ per omnia talis est continentiæ.

Clause of Will.

Item lego vicariis ecclesiæ Sancti Johannis Beverlacensis pro obitu meo singulis annis perpetuis temporibus faciendo viginti libras, Nec quicquam percipiant aut percipiat proventibus illius redditus nisi qui in prædicto anniversario meo personaliter interfuerint seu interfuerit, a principio usque in finem.

De qua quidem pecunia fatemur nos esse plenarie perpacatos.

They bind themselves to the Chapter on pain of suspension and excommunication to perform the obit.

Ad quem quidem obitum seu anniversarium ut præmittitur perpetuis temporibus faciendum obligamus nos et successores nostros, ac omnia bona nostra ac omnes redditus nostros cohercioni et districtioni venerabilis Capituli [etc.]. Ita quod dictum Capitulum nos et successores nostros et omnia bona nostra, si in factione dicti obitus seu anniversarii defecerimus, aut successores nostri defecerint, quod absit, per suspensionis et excommunicationis sententias absque strepitu judiciali et figura judicii compellere possit seu etiam cohercere.

In quorum omnium testimonium sigillum nostrum commune præsentibus est appensum. Et quia sigillum * nostrum pluribus est incognitum, sigillum præfati Capituli procuravimus hiis appendi.

Datis apud Beverlacum tertio decimo Kalendas Maii A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo}xxij^{o}.

Procuratorium pro subsidio, Rege petente.

1322.
21 April.
Chapter to Abp. Wm. [Melton].

Appointment of Mr. D. Avenel their proctor for Convocation as to aid asked by the King to be held at York Monday after May 6.

ccxxvij. b. 3.—Venerabili in Christo patri et domino Domino Willelmo, Dei gratia [etc.], suum humile et devotum Capitulum [etc.], Obedientiam [etc.].

Vestræ dominationi Reverendæ significamus nos ad comparendum coram vobis in ecclesia vestra Eboracensi, hac instanti die Lunæ proxima post instans festum S. Johannis ante Portam Latinam ad tractandum vobiscum et cum ceteris prælatis et procuratoribus cleri vestrarum civitatis, diocesis et provinciæ super subsidio a Domino nostro Rege petito, et ad faciendum ulterius quod communi deliberatione videbitur statuendum vel etiam ordinandum; necnon ad consentiendum hiis quæ communi judicio contigerint inibi fieri seu etiam ordinari; Dilectum nobis in Christo Magistrum Dionisium Avenell, concanonicum et confratrem nostrum, exhibitorem, præsentium, facimus et constituimus procuratorem ratum habentes habiturique et firmum, quicquid dictus procurator noster fecerit in præmissis.

Valeat vestra dominatio Reverenda per tempora prospera et longeva.

In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum est appensum.

Datis Beverlaci xj Kalendas Maii A.D. m^{mo}ccc^{mo}xxij^{o}.

Acquietancia.

1322.
27 May.
J. of Risingdon, chamberlain, to Nich. of Huggate, as Prebendary of S. James.

Receipt for 13s. 6½d., share of common expenses from Ascension Day 1321.

ccxxviij. 2.—Universis pateat per præsentes quod Ego, Johannes de Risindon, camerarius ecclesiæ beati Johannis Beverlacensis, collector et receptor expensarum factarum circa communia negotia ecclesiæ memoratæ a festo Ascensionis Dominicæ A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo}xxj^{mo} usque ad idem festum anno revoluto, Recepi de Reverendo viro Domino Nicholao de Hugate, Canonico et Præbendario Præbendæ S. Jacobi in ecclesia memorata, per manus Willelmi de Hugate, procuratoris sui,

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* This seems to imply that they had not a common seal rather than that they had.

Tredecim solidos sex denarios et obolum, pro portione sua dictarum expensarum, ipsum de prædicto tempore contingente.

Pro excommunicato vitando.

1322. 1 June. Letters Patent of Chapter for boycotting an excommunicate.

ccxxviij. 3.—Universis [etc., as on p. 367 against J. de Toutun. The offence for which he is excommunicated is not stated.]

Clerici chori ad ordines.

1322. 2 June. Chapter to Archbishop.

ccxxviij. 4.—Venerabili [etc.].

Clerks for orders: 2 to be sub-deacons. 2 to be deacons. 2 to be priests.

To be sub-deacons: Adam de Queldrik and Thomas de Halsam.

To be deacons: Geoffrey de Thriplowe and Hugh de Wandesford.

To be priests: Henry de Ketby and John Fitz Stephen of Langtofts.

*Acquietancia Archiepiscopalis.**

1320. 3 June. Abp. Wm. Melton to Chapter.

Receipt for 20 marks in part satisfaction of revenues of the corrody, sometimes called "The Archbishop's share," during the last vacancy of the See.

xcvj. b. 2.—Noverint universi quod nos Willelmus permissione divina [etc.] recepimus die confectionis præsentium de Capitulo [etc.] per manus Domini Johannis de Swina, vicarii ecclesiæ antedictæ, viginti marcas sterlingorum, in partem solutionis seu satisfactionis pro fructibus, redditibus et proventibus corrodii seu portionis nostræ, quocunque nomine nuncupetur, quæ ab aliquibus nuncupatur, "portio Archiepiscopi" in eadem, provenientibus tempore ultimæ vacationis sedis Archiepiscopalis nobis debitis: De quibus viginti marcis dictum Capitulum acquietavimus per præsentes, sigilli nostri impressione munitas.

Dated Southwell.

Datas apud Sutwell tertio die mensis Junii, anno gratiæ m^{o}ccc^{mo} vicesimo; Et Pontificatus nostri tertio.

*Acquietancia Archiepiscopalis.**

1321. 10 June.

xcvj. b. 3.—Same as last but for 10 marks, and dated at Cawood.

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* These receipts appear to be written here at the date of the third of the series.

xcvij.—Same as last, but dated Thorp, near York. 1322. 10 June.

Dictæ tres acquietanciæ sunt in quodam magno cophino, cum aliis acquietanciis super solutione decimarum.

Citatio quare non debet invocari brachium sæculare.

ccxxviij. b.—Capitulum [etc.]. Cum N. de B. ad instantiam A. de C. pro eo quod non paruit indicatis, sit auctoritate ordinaria in hac parte majoris excommunicationis sententia innodatus ac in eadem sententia animo indurato perseverans, claves ecclesiæ nequiter contempnendo jam per quadraginta dies et amplius pertinaciter perstitit in eadem, et sic ex parte dicti A. petitur invocari brachium sæculare: 1322. Form of summons to excommunicate to show cause why he should not be arrested.

Vobis mandamus quatinus dictum N. citetis peremptorie quod compareat coram nobis tali die, propositurus et ostensurus quare ad ejus non debeamus rescribere captionem: quid inde feceritis, etc.

Pro excommunicato vitando.

ccxxviij. b. 2.—Universis [etc. as on p. 367 against Rector of Tunstal, name not given]. 1322. 12 June.

ccxxviij. b. 3.—[Testimonial in favour of Roger of Bolton, clerk, "in choro nostro diutius conversatus, adolescens bonæ famæ."] 1322. 13 June.

Taxatio domorum Sacristiæ.

xcvj.—ij Idus Junii A.D. supradicto Defectus domorum spectantium ad Sacristiam de mandato Capituli visi fuerunt per vicarios et perpetuos clericos chori, et estimati et taxati ad quadraginta solidos, observatis omnibus quæ requiruntur in hac parte. 1322. 12 June. The dilapidations of Sacrist's house assessed at 40s.

Littera privata super prisona.

ccxxviij. b. 4.—Reverendo et discreto viro Magistro Roberto de Pickering, concanonico et confratri nostro, Capitulum [etc.]. 1322. 16 June. Chapter to Rt. of Pickering.

Some prisoners claimed and obtained by us in the Archbishop's Court, have by mistake been taken to your prison instead of to our common prison. A copy of claim is enclosed.

Quum prisones per vestrum Johannem de Bernewile et Mathæum Dousing, auctoritate nostra in curia venerabilis patris et domini Domini Willelmi, Dei gratia [etc.] petiti nuperrime et optenti, ad prisonam vestram per errorem ducti fuerunt per eosdem, qui ut nobis videtur ad communem prisonam nostram debuerant adduci, et in eadem salvo custodiri secundum vim, formam et effectum clamii nostri in itinere justiciariorum inde facti, cujus copiam vobis transmittimus præsentibus interclusam;

Please hand them over, as counsel say that no Canon may retain prisoners in his separate prison, or can justify it to the King on complaint made.

Quo viso vestræ fraternitati placeat reverendæ dictos prisones nostræ prisonæ communi facere liberari: attendentes, quod nulli canonico per se secundum assertionem juris peritorum aliquos prisones in propria prisona licet retinere, nec si inde Domino Regi fieret querela, hujusmodi factum advocare poterit quoquomodo; Quid in præmissis duxerit faciendum nos velitis per harum latorem reddere certiores.

Valeat vestra fraternitas reverenda per tempora prospera et longeva. Datis Beverlaci xvj Kalendas Julii.

Super absentia.

1322.
24 June.
Chapter to Wr. of Harpham.

xcvj. 2; xcv.—Capitulum [etc.] Waltero de Harpham, uni de septem clericis ecclesiæ memoratæ, Salutem [etc.].

[License for non-residence for a year].

Et hæc licentia concessa fuit per Magistros Dionisium de Avenel et Henricum de Carleton, et Dominum Willelmum de Sothill, Capitulum repræsentantes.

*Harpham.**

1322.
24 June.
Chapter to W. of Harpham, one of the 7 clerks. Licence of non-residence for a year.

xcvij. b. 2.—Capitulum [etc.] Waltero de Harpham, uni de septem clericis [as in last].

Acquietancia pro opere.

1322.
26 June.
Ralph of Whitby, mason, to Chapter.

xcvj. 3.—Universis pateat per præsentes, quod Ego Radulphus de Wihteby, Cæmentarius, Recepi de venerabili Capitulo [etc.] per manus Dominorum Johannis de Swina et

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* Why this is repeated does not appear.

Johannis de Hornse, custodum operis beati Johannis prædicti, totum salarium meum in antedicto Capitulo, ratione officii mei in eadem ecclesia debitum usque ad diem Pentecostæ A.D. supradicto. De quo quidem salario seu pensione quinque marcarum fateor mihi esse usque ad dictum diem Pentecostes plenarie satisfactum.

Receipt for whole salary up to Whit Sunday, viz. 5 marks.

In cujus [etc.] Datis Beverlaci vj^{to} Kalendas Julii anno supradicto.

Northburgh.

1322.
27 June.
Canon Roger of Northburgh, Prebendary of S. Andrew, consecrated Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield.

xcvj. 4.—Die dominica proxima ante festum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli, consecratus fuit Dominus Rogerus de Northburgh, canonicus, et præbendarius præbendæ S. Andreæ in ecclesia [etc.], in Episcopum ecclesiarum Coventrensis et Lichefeldensis.

Conversatio.

1322.
30 June.

ccxxix. 2.—[Testimonial in favour of Philip Auger de Dudington, priest "infra jurisdictionem nostram per aliqua tempora divina celebrando]."

Relaxatio de sequestro Præcentoriæ.

1322.
4 July.
Abp. Wm. Melton to Chapter.

xcvij. b. 3.—Willelmus permissione divina [etc.] Capitulo [etc.]

Volumus et mandamus quod sequestrum nuper ad mandatum nostrum per vos in fructibus et proventibus Magistri Ricardi de Insula, Præcentoris in ecclesia nostra prædicta interpositum relaxetis. Ac cum idem Præcentor eandem præcentoriam cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis dilecto clerico nostro familiari Ricardo de Snaweshill ad firmam dimiserit pro termino triennali, non obstante sequestro hujusmodi, ipsum Ricardum de Snaweshill in dictis fructibus durante dicti termino libere disponere permittatis. Valetis.

Release the sequestration of the Precentorship of Mr. Rd. Lisle imposed by my order; and let my clerk Rd. of Snowshill, to whom it has been let, receive the fruits during his life.

Datis apud Thorp prope Eboracum iiij Nonas Julii, A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo}xxij^{o}. et Pontificatus nostri quinto.

Dated [Bishop] thorpe.

Weston.

1322.
10 July.

xcvij. b. 4.—Die Sabbati proximo post diem Translationis S. Thomæ Martiris, videlicet, vj^{to} Idus Julii A.D. supradicto, Mr. Th. of Harpham as proctor of Canon Th. of Weston accepted S. Andrew's prebend, vacated by consecration of Roger of Northburgh as Bishop.

Magister Thomas de Harpham, procurator reverendi viri Domini Thomæ de Weston, canonici hujus ecclesiæ S. Johannis Beverlacensis, in Capitulo nostro, coram religioso viro Domino Abbate de Melsa, subexecutore et subprovisore cum Dominis Abbatibus de Thornton et Selby, collegis suis, conjunctim et divisim ad inscripta specialiter deputato, ut per processum inde habitum plenius continetur, præbendam S. Andreæ vacantem per consecrationem Domini Rogeri de Northburgh in Episcopum Conventrensis et Lichfeldensis nomine domini sui prædicti sub protestatione infrascripta acceptavit, et eam domino suo virtute gratiæ suæ conferri.

Responsio litteræ præcedenti.[*]

Gayol.

1322.
16 July.
Rt. of Pickering to Chapter.

Have received copy of your claim that prisoners demanded by you have been taken to our prison by mistake.
Be sure that it is not my intention to derogate from the Chapter's rights. So will send some one to Beverley next Friday to discuss the matter as to my prebendal rights and settle it or inquire into it.

ccxxix. 1.—Venerabili Capitulo Beverlacensi, Robertus de Pikering, concanonicus et confrater, Salutem et fraternam in Domino caritatem;

Litteras vestras et transcriptum clamii recepimus, inter cetera continentes quod prisones vestra auctoritate Capituli petiti, ad prisonam nostram sunt per errorem ducti. Constet vobis pro certo quod nostræ intentionis non est juri Capituli præjudicare, neque juri et libertati præbendæ nostræ aliqualiter derogare, cum scriptum sit, quod ecclesiasticus ordo confunditur nisi cuique sua jurisdictio conservetur. Ea propter mittemus aliquos apud Beverlacum in instanti die Veneris, qui tractabunt vobiscum pro nobis et jure præbendæ nostræ, ita quod ex parte nostra nulla invenietur injuria: quia si negotium sit planum, expedietur; si autem dubium, expedit quod prorogetur, ut veritas inquiratur.

Valeat vestra fraternitas reverenda per tempora longiora.

Scriptum apud Thornton juxta Pokelington† xvj die Julii.

Mr. Robert gave security for the horses or 100s. instead, if they should belong to the Chapter; and made Justices for his gaol delivery to sit in his Prebendal Hall.

Item vero Magister Robertus, præstita securitate Capitulo de dictis equis seu de centum solidis pro eisdem, juxta æstimationem inde factam Capitulo restituendam si ad Capitulum deberent de jure et consuetudine ecclesiæ pertinere, constituit Justiciarios suos ad carcerem suum liberandum; videlicet,

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[*] See letter of Chapter 16 June, p. 409.

† Pocklington Church was annexed to the Deanery of York, temp. Henry I.

Thomam de Burton, Ricardum Rece et Johannem de Bernevile, qui sederent in Aula Præbendæ suæ, circumastantibus et sedent[ibus], et liberati fuerunt latrones seu prisones memorati.

And the robbers or prisoners were set free.

*Compromissum.**

ccxxix. b. 3.—In Dei nomine, Amen. Anno ejusdem $m^{o}cc^{mo}$ nonagesimo secundo, die Jovis proxima post festum Conversionis S. Pauli, apud Notingham.

$129\frac{2}{3}$ day.
30 Jan.

Cum inter venerabilem virum Dominum Aymonem de Carto, præcentorem Lugdunensem ac canonicum S. Johannis Beverlacensis, et Capitulum et canonicos ejusdem ecclesiæ, super fructibus ad præbendam ipsius Domini Aymonis spectantibus et per ipsos canonicos detentis, ut dicebat; dictus canonicis in contrarium asserentibus, esset materia quæstionis exorta. Tandem mediantibus amicis communibus, dictis Dominus Aymo pro se, et Magistri Johannes de Peningston, Willelmus de Haxeby, Henricus de Carleton et Willelmus de Lincoln dictæ ecclesiæ canonici, pro se et concanonicis suis et Capitulo prædicto, compromiserunt in venerabilem virum Magistrum Henricum de Neuwerk, tunc Decanum Eboracensem, submittentes se alte et basse ordinationi arbitrio et voluntati ejusdem super prædicta petitione.

At Nottingham. Controversy having arisen between Aymo de Carto, Precentor of Lyons, Canon of Beverley, and the Chapter and Canons, as to the fruits of his prebend, Mr. J. of Penistone and the other Canons referred the matter to the arbitration of Henry of Newark, Dean of York, binding themselves under penalty of 100 marks to be paid to the Crown to abide his award.

Ita quod citra festum Beati Michaelis proximo futurum liceat sibi auditis rationibus utriusque partis, super prædictis ordinare, statuere et arbitrari, quod viderit expedire. Cujus decretum, arbitrium seu ordinationem partes prædictæ per sacramentum corporaliter præstitum se inviolabiliter observare promiserunt, sub pœna centum marcarum ad opus Domini Regis Angliæ levandarum a parte non observante decretum, arbitrium seu ordinationem Magistri Henrici prædicti.

In cujus rei testimonium sigilla prædictarum partium una cum sigillo Capituli prædicti alternatim sunt appensa. Datis die anno et loco supradictis.

Procuratorium compromissi.

ccxxix. b. 4.—Tenore præsentium pateat universis quod Nos Capitulum [etc.] facimus et constituimus procuratorem nostrum,

1293.
11 April.

Power of attorney to Mr. Henry of Carlton, Canon, to act for the Chapter in the matter.

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* The other documents above this on this leaf were of the year 1322. This and the next document may have been written here on vacant leaves at the time of their execution.

Magistrum Henricum de Carlton, fratrem nostrum et concanonicum, in causa seu negotio compromissi, quæ vel quod vertitur seu verti speratur, coram venerabili et discreto viro Magistro Henrico de Neuwerk, Decano Eboracensi, inter nobilem virum Dominum Aymonem de Quarto, confratrem nostrum, ex parte una, et Nos ex altera, quibuscunque diebus locis et temporibus; dantes eidem plenam potestatem, consentiendi, faciendi procurandi, pertractandi et procedendi in dictis causa seu negotio secundum formam, vim, potestatem et effectum compromissi inter dictum Dominum Aymonem et Nos in dictum Dominum Decanum facti, et inter Nos cirograffati, ac jurandi quotiens opus erit in eisdem: ac omnia alia et singula nostro nomine faciendi quæ facere possemus præsentes personaliter, pro ipso rem ratam haberi et judicatum solvi sub ypotecha rerum nostrarum, exponimus cautiones, et hoc omnibus quorum interest significamus per præsentes.

In cujus rei testimonium huic procuratorio sigillum nostrum ad causas apposuimus.

Dato in Capitulo nostro iij Idus Aprilis A.D. m^{o}cc^{mo}xciij^{to}, præsentibus post festum S. Michaelis minime valituris.

Datæ gratiarum Canonicorum.

1322. 29 July.

Assessor to Canon Th. of Weston.

List of the dates of Papal provisions for next vacant prebend held by persons already admitted as Canons.

xcv. 3.—Suo domino Reverendo Domino Thomæ de Weston, Canonico ecclesiæ [etc.] suus J. de Risindon, humilis minister ecclesiæ prædictæ, Se ipsum totum cum devotis reverentia et honore.

Datæ gratiarum omnium admissorum auctoritate Capituli nostri præbendam expectantium vestræ dominationi tenore præsentium constent.

Data gratiæ Domini Francissi de Forge pennatibus pridie Idus Augusti ante solempnia consecrationis sanctissimi patris Domini Johannis divina providentia Papæ xxij.

Data gratiæ Domini Roberti de Riston xiij Kalendas Aprilis, pontificatus ejusdem Papæ anno primo.

Data gratiæ Domini Philippi de Crosby xiij Kalendas Aprilis anno pontificatus ejusdem secundo.

Data gratiæ Domini Johannis Berchamsted . . Aprilis . . . . . factæ Dominæ Isabellæ Reginæ . .*

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* The MS. here becomes illegible. The words 3 or 4 Kal. Augusti can dimly be discerned in the last line. There seem to be two or three other holders of Papal provisions mentioned, hungrily waiting for the next vacant prebend.

Conversatio.

ccxxx. b. 1.—[Testimonial in favour of Dominus Adam de Sledmer, capellanus, infra jurisdictionem nostram in villa Beverlaci divina celebrasse . . per triginta annos et amplius.

1322.
28 July.

The like in favour of John of Siglesthorn, deacon, clerk, in ecclesia nostra diutius conversatus.]

16 Aug.

Captio.

Nobili viro Domino Simoni le Warde, Vicecomiti Eboracensi, Præpositus et Capitulum [etc. as on p. 144, against J. Gretehefde de Brumflet].

1322.
20 August.
Chapter to Sir Simon of Ward, Sheriff of Yorkshire.

Writ to arrest excommunicate, J. Greathead of Broomfleet.

Contra detentores travarum. Captio. Et emanavit ad instantiam R. de Pikering pro travis suis de Brantingham.

ccxxxiij. b.—Præpositus et Capitulum [etc.], Venerabili viro et discreto Vicecomiti Eboracensi, Salutem in omnium Salvatore.

1322.
20 Aug.
Provost and Chapter to the Venerable and discreet Sheriff of Yorkshire.

Cum inter cartas de libertatibus et privilegiis, quibus celebris memoriæ incliti Reges Angliæ singillatim nos et dictam ecclesiam nostram ob honorem Dei, ac grandem devotionem quam ad gloriosissimum Confessorem, S. Johannem; cujus sacri corporis in eadem ecclesia conduntur reliquiæ recolendæ, laudabiliter decreverunt, et voluerunt perpetuis temporibus libere et pacifice gaudere et uti, tam a domino nostro Rege illustri qui nunc est quam a felicis recordationis progenitoribus suis, præclaris Regibus Angliæ, pro salute animarum antecessorum suorum et suarum, nobis sub suis sigillis confectas, auctoritateque et pietate sua regia approbatas, ratificatas et confirmatas, nonnullæ cartæ eorumdem et præcipue claræ memoriæ Johannis et Henrici quondam Regum Angliæ has continuant clausulas et tenorem.

Among the charters of liberties and privileges which the illustrious Kings of England have severally decreed for the honour of God and their great devotion to the glorious Confessor S. John, that we and our church should use for ever, sealed as well by the present King as by his predecessors, are some Charters, especially of Kings John and Henry.

Carta Johannis, videlicet, ista verba:

Johannes, Dei gratia Rex Angliæ, Dominus Hiberniæ et Dux Normanniæ et Aquitaniæ, Comes Andegaviæ, Justitiariis Angliæ et Vice-comitibus Eboracshire, Salutem.

5 John.
9 Nov.

Mandamus omnibus hominibus de Holdrenesse, firmiter præcipientes, quod sine conditione et difficultate reddant de

We have commanded all the men of Holderness to render their S. John's thraves without any demur at the doors of the granges, as we do from our demesnes on the Wold. Failing which, whichever of you is first asked, is to seize the bodies and goods of those whom the Provost and Chapter denounce to you as excommunicate for this cause, and hold them in prison till they have made full satisfaction.

carucis suis ad hostia grangiarum suas travas Sancti Johannis Beverlacensis per manum propriam, vel servientium suorum, sicut facere solebant, antequam travæ illæ datæ essent ad firmam, cum etiam sic faciamus de dominicis nostris in Waldo similiter tam in dominicis nostris quam alibi; quod si non fecerint mandamus vobis et præcipimus, quatinus vos vel alter vestrum, qui primus inde requisitus fuerit, eorum corpora et catalla capi faciatis; quos Præpositus et Capitulum Beverlacense vobis propter hoc denuntiaverint excommunicatos, et tam diu incarceratos secundum consuetudinem Angliæ et libertatem Beverlacensis ecclesiæ teneri faciatis, donec prædictis Præposito et Capitulo Beverlacensi inde fuerint plenarie satisfactum.

Testibus Domino Waltero, Rotomagensi Archiepiscopo; Willelmo, comite Arundeliæ; Willelmo Briwer; apud Roch nono die Novembris anno regni nostri quinto.

1204.

Clause, John's and Stephen's Charters.

Ac aliunde plerique in cartis tam ejusdem Johannis, quam Stephani Regis prædictorum de verbo ad verbum, talis clausula sic expressa:

We command that all who detain S. John's thraves, given by our ancestors in free alms to the use of the Provost and clerks of Beverley shall, without awaiting any further command, be taken and kept in custody till they have made full amends.

Volumus etiam et firmiter præcipimus quod omnes detentores travarum Sancti Johannis collatarum ab antecessoribus nostris in liberam elemosinam, vel ab aliis, in usus Præpositi vel clericorum Beverlacensium, qui a prædicto Præposito et Capitulo fuerint excommunicati propter ipsarum travarum detentionem, vel propter alium excessum, ad mandatum prædicti Præpositi et Capituli, etiam non expectato alio mandato, secundum consuetudinem regni nostri, a Vice-comite Eboracensi et Ballivis nostris de Eboracschire capiantur et teneantur, donec id prædictæ ecclesiæ et Præposito plenarie emendetur.

We therefore by the authority of these liberties declare J. Greathead of Bromfleet excommunicate for 40 days and upwards, and still persisting in his contempt, and require you to seize and keep him in safe custody until he has given competent satisfaction.

Nos, auctoritate libertatum et privilegiorum nostrorum hujusmodi, Johannem Grethefd de Brunfleet, per nos auctoritate nostra ordinaria in hac parte ob ipsius contumaciam et offensam majoris excommunicationis sententia innodatum, in ea per quadraginta dies et amplius animo indurato pertinaciter perseverasse, et adhuc, contemptis clavibus ecclesiæ, perdurare, Vobis tenore præsentium nuntiamus, mandantes quatinus, ad insolentiam prædicti rebellis salubriter reprimendam, ipsum juxta vim, formam, et effectum libertatum et privilegiorum nostrorum prædictorum, alio non expectato mandato, per vos et Ballivos regios, secundum consuetudinem regni Angliæ capi, deteneri, et salvo custodiri faciatis, donec nobis et præfatæ nostræ ecclesiæ de excessu, quare excommunicatus existit, satisfecerit competenter.

Testimonio præsentium, quas sigilli nostri munimine fecimus roborari.

Datas in Capitulo nostro Beverlacensi xx° die mensis Augusti, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo^xxij°.

Taxatio. Paston.

1322. 17 Sept. Assessment of dilapidations in prebendal house of S. Andrew.

xcix. (xcviij. missing).—Quintodecimo Kalendas Octobris A.D. supradicto Capitulum ad petitionem et instantiam Magistri Thomæ de Paston, procuratoris reverendi viri Magistri Benedicti de Paston, Canonici et Præbendarii præbendæ S. Andreæ in ecclesia S. Johannis Beverlacensis, injunxit Dominis Alano de Humbelton, Roberto Siglesthorn, Hugoni de Otringham, Thomæ de Grimesby, Willelmo de Melton, Johanni de Hornese et Johanni de Harpham, vicariis, Johanni de Amkotes, Johanni le Porter, clericis de Berfella, et aliis beneficiatis in dicta ecclesia, ut accederent ad domos præbendales dictæ præbendæ, et viderent in quo statu Dominus Rogerus Conventrensis et Lichfeldensis Episcopus, dudum dictæ præbendæ præbendarius, ipsas dimisit, et in quo statu ipsas recepit; quid ad defectus dictarum domorum reparandum a prædecessore suo recepit, et quid apposuit, et qui defectus provenerunt suo tempore.

7 Vicars, 2 clerks of the berfell and others deputed by Chapter on request of Mr. Th. of Paston, proctor of Mr. Benedict of Paston, now prebendary.

Qui, visis omnibus defectibus ipsarum domorum, ipsos defectus ad xl^li^. taxaverunt. Dicunt etiam quod dicti defectus tempore Domini Johannis de Sandal, prædecessoris dicti Domini Rogeri, et ipsius Domini Rogeri imminebant. Dicunt etiam quod defectus dictarum domorum post consecrationem Domini Johannis de Sandale in Episcopum Wintoniensem ad xx^li^. taxabantur; de qua pecunia Dominus Johannes de Swina, procurator dicti Domini Rogeri, recepit duas marcas et dimidiam tantum et non plus, ut asserit, licet exactam diligentiam adhibuerit. Dicunt etiam quod dictus Dominus Rogerus in novo muro circa manerium faciendo, et in pluribus defectibus dictarum domorum reficiendis, apposuit xvij marcas iij^s^ et iiij^d^.

Assessed them at £40. These dilapidations accrued under J. of Sandal and Roger of Northburgh. When the former was made Bishop of Winchester the dilapidations were assessed at £20, of which Northburgh's proctor only got 2½ marks. He spent 17¼ marks on a new wall and in repairs.

Memorandum quod dictus Magister antedictus nichil de

Mr. Paston only got £5 out of the £40 and spent £8 16s. 2d. in repairs.

xl^{li} nisi centum solidos recepit memoratos, et quod expendit in reparatione earundem domuum viij^{li} xvj^{s} et ij^{d}.

Fructus tempore vacationis spectant ad Capitulum.

1322.
The prebend was vacant from 27 June to 14 Sept.

xcix. 2.—Memorandum quod dicta præbenda S. Andreæ vacavit a die Dominica proxima ante festum Sanctorum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli, A.D. supradicto, usque ad diem Exaltationis S. Crucis proximo sequentem.

The mesne profits accruing to the 2 Canons Residentiary, H. of Carlton and D. Avenel, stated.

Memorandum etiam quod fructus et proventus dictæ præbendæ medio tempore provenientes spectant ad Capitulum; videlicet, ad Magistros Henricum de Carleton et Dionisium Avenel eodem anno residentiales, et debentur eisdem duobus canonicis, videlicet, pro corrodio per prædictum tempus:

De decimis bladi de Tiketon collectis ante admissionem dicti Magistri Benedicti .	iiij marcæ
De travis de Cotingham collectis ante admissionem dicti Benedicti . . .	xlv^{s} iiij^{d}
Travis de Ulferton et Willardeby . .	dimidia marcæ
Travis de Skiteby	dimidia marcæ
Pro duabus partibus travarum de Brunne .	x marcæ
Pro duabus partibus travarum de Brunham .	ij marcæ

Clerici ordinati.

1322.
18 Sept.

ccxxx. 5.—Die Sabbati in quatuor temporum ordinati fuerunt in ecclesia [etc.] viz. die Sabbati proxima ante diem S. Mathæi:

Ordination in Minster.

2 acolytes.
2 priests.

Johannes de Sutton J. Binder	ad ordinem acolitatus.
Petrus de Patrington Galfridus de Toppeham	ad ordinem presbiteratus.

Conversatio.

1322.
24 Sept.

ccxxxj. 1.—[Testimonial in favour of J. of Siglesthorn] liber et legitimus in ecclesia nostra diutius conversatus.

Procuratorium quæstoris.

1322.
2 Oct.

ccxxxj. 2.—[Appointment of J. of Stork, collector for fabric in city and diocese of York, at pleasure of Chapter.]

Littera privata Domino Thomæ de Westona.

Nota Qualiter fructus præbendarum tempore vacationis pertinent ad ecclcsiam de consuetudine.

1322.
12 Oct.
Chapter to Canon Th. of Weston, rector of Adwell.

Non emanavit.

xcix. b.—Capitulum [etc.] Thomæ de Weston concanonico et confratri nostro rectori ecclesiæ de Addewell, Lincolniensis Diocœsis, Salutem et fraternam in Domino caritatem.

The profits of vacant prebends belong to Chapter. You took S. Andrew's prebend, in virtue of Papal provision, conditionally if it was due to you; and were admitted subject to same condition. But you have received corrody of the prebend, which by law and custom did not belong to you.

Cum, secundum consuetudinem ecclesiæ nostræ optentam et [h]actenus approbatam et etiam usitatam, fructus et proventus præbendarum in ecclesia nostra vacantium tempore vacationis earundem qualitercunque provenientes in usus nostros cedere debeant pariter et converti: Ac vos, vacante nuper præbenda altaris S. Andreæ in ecclesia memorata, per consecrationem venerabilis in Christo patris Domini Rogeri de Northburg, dudum concanonici et confratris nostri, dictæ præbendæ præbendarii, ipsam præbendam, virtute gratiæ in dicta ecclesia munificentia appostolica vobis factæ coram subexecutore vestro si vobis deberetur, et non aliter, ut intelleximus, acceptastis, et etiam vobis conferri et inductionem in corporalem possessionem ejusdem vobis fieri conditionaliter ut præmittitur, procurastis; quibus taliter habitis et optentis proventus corodii in Bederna ad dictam præbendam spectantes, ad nos de jure et consuetudine memorata et ad nullum alium pertinentes, indebite percepistis, necnon de aliis fructibus ejusdem præbendæ ordinastis et disposuistis pro vestro libito voluntatis, in nostri juris et consuetudinis elusionem et præjudicium manifestum.

Pay it back and all other profits received by you before the admission of Benedict of Paston, the present prebendary, within three weeks or expect the canonical penalty.

Cum igitur appareat evidenter dictam præbendam vobis non fuisse debitam virtute gratiæ vobis factæ, nec proventus vestros esse, quos taliter percepistis: Vos tenore præsentium requirimus et rogamus et etiam monemus, quatinus infra tres septimanas a receptione præsentium continue computandas, quarum una septimana pro prima monitione, secunda pro secunda, et tertia pro tertia, et peremptoria, vobis cedant, de proventibus dicti corodii, quos medio tempore percepistis, et omnibus aliis si qua ante admissionem Magistri Benedicti de Paston, nunc dictæ præbendæ præbendarii percepisti, curetis satisfacere competenter, sub pœna canonica, quam si de præmissis non satisfeceritis, poteritis in eventu non immerito formidare.

Et quid in præmissis duxerit faciendum, nos per vestras litteras infra dictum terminum curetis reddere certiores; super porrectione præsentium vobis facta latori præsentium, jurato nostro adhibebimus plenam fidem.

In Domino feliciter valeatis.

Datis Beverlaci iiij Idus Octobris A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo}xxij^{o}.

1322.
[20 Oct.]
If the townspeople make composition for town and church as Ripon did, well.

ccxxxj. b. 2.—Salutem quam sibi.

De compositione per nos pro ecclesia cum Scotis facienda, non secutis* Decanus nec nos quid sit faciendum. Sed si illi de villa pro se et villa et ecclesia velint componere, sicut illi de Riponia alias fecerunt, bene poterunt.

If sudden danger comes take Sir Alan with you and no one else, and secretly place the relics of Saints and inner chest [of S. John's Shrine] in the treasury in the best place you know.

And if great necessity arises remove the silver plates of the outer chest and place them in a certain place.

Si vero periculum immineat, assumatis Dominum Alanum vobiscum, et secrete, nullo alio sciente, ponatis reliquias Sanctorum, et interiorem capsulam, in tesauraria in loco quem nostis ad hoc meliorem. Et si ingereret major necessitas, potestis amovere laminas argenteas ab exteriore capsula et reponere in loco tuto.

Valete.

Regi Scotiæ: non emanavit.

1322.
20 Oct.
Chapter to Robert [Bruce], King of Scotland.

ccxxxi. b. 3.—Excellentissimo principi Domino Roberto, Dei gratia Regi Scotiæ illustri, Humile Capitulum Beati Johannis Beverlacensis, Reverentiam et honorem debitas tanto Regi.

We humbly pray your Royal Excellency that for pity's sake and respect to the glorious Confessor, John of Beverley, you will take under your protection us, the Provost and the Clerks of our Church, our men and goods, and all our rents and possessions, and the Provost's, and the whole liberty, so that we and they may receive no damage from your men, and so deserve the intervention of the glorious Confessor with God for you.

Vestræ excellentiæ Regiæ tenore præsentium humiliter supplicamus, quatinus divinæ pietatis intuitu et prædicti gloriosi Confessoris respectu, velitis suscipere in protectionem et defensionem vestram Nos Præpositum et clericos ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ, homines et res, redditus et omnes possessiones nostras, et ad nos et ad prædictum Præpositum pertinentes, necnon etiam totam libertatem ecclesiæ prædictæ, nos et nostra, et ipsam libertatem et dictam ecclesiam cum contentis manutenendo, protegendo et etiam defendendo, ut nobis vel nostris vel etiam libertati prædictæ molestia, dampna aut gravamina per vestros, si placet, nullatenus inferantur.

Tantum, si placet, divinæ caritatis et dicti gloriosi Confessoris intuitu facere velitis, ut dictum gloriosum Confessorem pro vobis et vestris interventorem apud Deum mereamini optinere.

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* This seems to be what is written; but does not appear to be sense. Perhaps "secutis" is a mistake for "scit iste," and the meaning is that neither the Dean, *i.e.*, Robert of Pickering, nor the writer, who is the Provost, or a Residentiary Canon, knows what to do.

In Domino Jesu Christo prospere et feliciter valeatis.

Datis Beverlaci xx die mensis Octobris.

*Regi Scotiæ : non emanavit.**

1322. 20 Oct Letters Patent of Chapter.

Appointment of Wm. of Burnby and Th. of Fitling, special messengers, to treat with Sir Robert, illustrious King of Scotland, for the Chapter and Church, the Provost, and all its goods and possessions.

ccxxxj. b. 4.—Universis pateat per præsentes quod Nos Capitulum [etc.] ad tractandum et componendum cum excellente Rege, Domino Roberto, Dei gratia Rege Scotiæ illustri, vel cum suis, de pace et protectione ipsius Domini Regis, vel suorum, pro nobis et ecclesia nostra prædicta, Domino Præposito ecclesiæ nostræ et omnibus bonis rebus ad nos et ad dictum Præpositum pertinentibus, et pro libertate ecclesiæ prædictæ, simul cum bonis in eadem ecclesia contentis ; Dilectos nobis in Christo fratres Willelmum de Brunneby et Thomam de Fitling, præsentium latores, nostros facimus et constituimus nuntios speciales ; Ratum et gratum habituri quicquid iidem nuntii fecerint in præmissis.

In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum.

Datis Beverlaci xx die mensis Octobris.

Badingham : emanavit ad instantiam Magistri H. de Carlton.

1322. 10 Nov.

ccxxxj. b. 2.—Universis [etc.] [Certificate of excommunication of Robert of Badingham, executor of J. of Dinington, late canon.]

Super custodia Præpositurae Commissio.†

1295. 23 Edw. I. 23 April. The King to J, of Lythegreynes and J. de l'Isle.

The Canons of Beverley com-

ccxxxij.—Edwardus Dei gratia Rex [etc.] Dilectis et fidelibus suis Johanni de Lythegreynes et Johanni de Insula, Salutem.

Ex parte canonicorum ecclesiæ S. Johannis Beverlacensis nobis est ostensum, quod cum præpositura Beverlacensis ex certis maneriis per progenitores nostros quondam Reges Angliæ ad sustentationem septem Canonicorum in ecclesia

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* The fact that these two documents never issued goes to show that Beverley was not actually taken or put to requisition by the Scotch as Ripon had been.

† Why this and the two following documents are here written does not appear.

plain that whereas the Provostry was founded with certain manors given for the maintenance of 7 Canons there, and when vacant the custody of it and its profits belong to them, the Archbishop having nothing to do with it;

S. Johannis Beverlacensis perpetuo commorantium collatis dudum fundata fuisset, cujus quidem præposituræ custodiam dicti Canonici singulis vacationibus ejusdem post decessum Præpositi ejusdem loci cujuscunque a tempore fundationis prædictæ semper hucusque pacifice habuerunt, et exitus inde provenientes integre perceperunt, Ita quod Archiepiscopi Eboracenses qui pro tempore fuerint, seu alius nomine eorundum, de dicta custodia se in nullo intromiserunt;

yet Abp. John the Roman after the death of Provost Peter of Chester took the same into his own hands.

Johannes Archiepiscopus Eboracensis, post mortem Petri de Cestri, nuper Præpositi loci prædicti, homines dictorum canonicorum ad custodiam dictæ præposituræ per ipsos deputatos inde vi et armis ejecit, et præposituram illam cum maneriis prædictis in manum suam cepit, et exitus inde provenientes sibi appropriavit, et eisdem Canonicis adhuc detinet minus juste, et alia enormia eis intulit, in nostri contemptum manifestum et contra formam collationis prædictæ, et ipsorum canonicorum grave dampnum et contra pacem nostram:

We have appointed you to inquire into the matter by the oaths of good men and true of those parts, and to determine the matter.

Et quia hujusmodi collationes progenitorum nostrorum illæsas conservare tenemur, et transgressionem hujusmodi si sic perpetrata sit transire nolimus impunitam, assignavimus vos ad inquirendum per sacramentum proborum et legalium hominum de partibus prædictis, tam forinsecorum quam intrinsecorum neutri partium suspectorum, per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit plenius de præmissis, veritatem, et ad transgressionem illam audiendam et terminandam secundum legem et consuetudinem regni nostri.

Et ideo vobis mandamus quod ad certos diem et locum quos ad hoc provideritis inquisitionem illam sciatis et transgressionem illam audiatis et terminetis in forma prædicta, facturi inde quod ad justitiam pertinet secundum legem et consuetudinem regni nostri; Salvis nobis amerciamentis et aliis ad nos inde spectantibus.

Mandavimus enim vicecomiti nostro Eboracensi, quod ad certos diem et locum, quos ei scire facietis, venire faciat coram vobis tot et tales probos et legales homines de partibus prædictis, tam forinsecos quam intrinsecos, neutri partium suspectos, per quos rei veritas in præmissis melius sciri poterit et inquiri.

In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes.

Teste me ipso apud Lammays xxiij° die Aprilis anno regni nostri vicesimo tertio.

Pro libertate ecclesiæ Beati Johannis Beverlacensis.

1295.
25 April.
The King to the Sheriff of Yorkshire.

ccxxxij. b. 1.—Edwardus Dei gratia Rex [etc.] Vicecomiti Eboracensi, Salutem.

If the Chapter of Beverley give security for prosecuting their claim, take pledges from Abp. John [the Roman] to appear within a fortnight after 24 June, to show why the Chapter should not have the immemorial liberty;

that when anyone for robbery or any other trespass has taken refuge in any of the canons' houses in the close, no officer of the King or Archbishop may meddle with him: Yet the Archbishop has taken N. the Denesmay from the house of Canon William of Lincoln.

Si Capitulum [etc.] fecerit te securum de clamio suo prosequendo, tunc pone per vadium et salvos plegiatos Johannem Archiepiscopum Eboracensem, quod sit coram nobis a die S. Johannis Baptistæ in xv dies ubicunque tunc fuerimus in Anglia, ostensurum quare, cum idem Capitulum habere debeat, et a tempore quo non extat memoria habere consueverit, talem libertatem; videlicet, quod cum aliquis pro latrocinio aut aliqua alia transgressione ad domos alicujus canonicorum Capituli prædicti infra clausum ecclesiæ prædictæ fugerit, et se in ea juxta libertatem ejusdem ecclesiæ tenere voluerit, nullus minister noster seu prædicti Archiepiscopi de eo intromittere debet aut consuevit; prædictus Archiepiscopus per ministros suos Nicholaum le Denesmay qui pro quadam transgressione sibi imposita ad domum Magistri Willelmi de Lincoln, canonici ecclesiæ predictæ, infra clausum prædictum fugit, et se in ea tenuit, a domo prædicta vi et armis extraxit, et ipsum apud Beverlacum inprisonavit, et adhuc ibidem detinet, in ipsius Capituli dispendium et non modicum, et libertatis suæ prædictæ lesionem manifestam, et contra pacem nostram ut dicitur. Et habeas ibi nomina plegiorum et hoc breve.

Teste me ipso apud Lammas xxv die Aprilis anno regni nostri vicesimo tertio.

Dated at Lammas.

1295.
23 April.
The King to Sheriff of Yorkshire.

ccxxij. b. 2.—Edwardus Dei gratia [etc.] Vicecomiti Eboracensi, Salutem.

Order Abp. John [the Roman] to let the Chapter have the common of pasture in Beverley, which belongs to their holding there, of which Abp. Walter Grey disseized them after the first voyage of Henry III. to Gascony, or appear before us a fortnight after 24 June.

Præcipe Johanni Archiepiscopo Eboracensi quod juste et sine dilatione permittat Capitulum [etc.] habere communam pasturæ in Beverlaco, quæ pertinet ad liberum tenementum suum in eadem villa, et de qua Walterus de Grey, quondam Archiepiscopus Eboracensis, injuste et sine judicio disseysivit prædictum Capitulum post primam transfretationem Henrici Regis patris nostri in Vasconiam, ut dicitur;

Et nisi fecerit, et prædictum Capitulum fecerit te securum de clamio suo prosequendo, tunc summone per bonos summonitores prædictum Archiepiscopum quod sit coram Justiciariis nostris apud Westmonasterium a die S. Johannis

Baptistæ in xv dies ostensurum quare non fecerit. Et habeas ibi summonitos et hoc breve.

Teste me ipso apud Lammas xxiij. die Aprilis anno regni nostri xxiij.

1295. 25 April. The same to same.

Order the same Abp. to let Mr. Wr. of Gloucester, canon, have common of turbary in Beverley belonging to his freehold there, of which Abp. Wr. Giffard disseized Canon J. le Gras, his predecessor.

ccxxxij. b. 3.—Edwardus Dei gratia [etc.] Vicecomiti Eboracensi, Salutem.

Præcipe Johanni Archiepiscopo Eboracensi quod juste et sine dilatione permittat Magistrum Walterum de Gloucestria canonicum [etc.] habere communam turbariæ in Beverlaco, quæ pertinet ad liberum tenementum suum in eadem villa, et de qua Walterus Giffard, qnondam Archiepiscopus Eboracensis, injuste et sine judicio disseysivit Johannem le Gras quondam Canonicum ecclesiæ prædictæ, prædecessorem prædicti Magistri Walteri, post primam transfretationem Domini Henrici Regis patris nostri in Vasconiam, ut dicit.

Et nisi fecerit [etc.].

1295. 23 April.

ccxxxiij. 1.—Edwardus [etc. as in last, substituting communam pasturæ for communam turbariæ].

Procuratorium ad tractandum super subsidio petito a Rege.

1322. 12 Dec. Chapter to Abp. Wm. of Melton.

ccxxxiij. 2.—Venerabili [etc. appointing Canon Dennis of Avenel their proctor in Convocation to be held at York on Friday next after S. Lucy's day (13 Dec.)].

Procuratorium [*etc. as in last*].

$132\frac{2}{3}$. 7 Jan. Same to same.

ccxxxiij. 3.—Venerabili [etc. as in last, for Convocation to be held on next law day after Conversion of S. Paul (25 Jan.)].

Pikering. Vacat.

$132\frac{2}{3}$. 2 Jan. On a report of death of Rt. of Pickering, prebendary of SS. Peter and Paul, the Auditor puts all his goods in Chapter jurisdiction under sequestration.

xcix. b. 2.—Pridie Idus Januarii A.D. supradicto, perlato rumore de morte Magistri Roberti de Pikering, canonici et præbendarii præbendæ sanctorum Petri et Pauli;

Nos Auditor Capituli [etc.] omnia bona dicti Magistri infra jurisdictionem dicti Capituli existentia ad dictum Magistrum Robertum spectantia qualitercunque, si obierit, sequestramus; Inhibentes sub pœna excommunicationis majoris, quam proferimus in hiis scriptis, ne quis durante sequestro nostro ad dicta bona manus apponat seu ea alienet, amoveat vel occultet, in dicti defuncti dispendium et dicti Capituli et jurisdictionem ejusdem elusionem pariter et contemptum.

Littera super defectibus domorum præbendæ. Non emanavit.

$132\frac{2}{3}$.
14 Jan.
J. of Risindon, Chapter's officer, to Roger, Bp. of Coventry and Lichfield.

c. 1.—Reverendissimo domino suo Domino Rogero, Dei gratia Coventrensis et Lichfeldensis Episcopo, suus si placet Johannes de Risindon, Capellanus, minister ecclesiæ Beati Johannis Beverlacensis, Se ipsum humilem et devotum cum omnimodis reverentia et honore debitis tanto patri.

The dilapidations of your late prebendal house have been assessed at £40, as the bearer J. of Swine will explain viva voce. Please answer to the Chapter to me by him.

Vestræ dominationi significo venerandæ, quod defectus domorum præbendalium præbendæ quam nuper in dicta ecclesia habuistis, ad petitionem et crebram instantiam Magistri Thomæ de Paston, procuratoris reverendi et discreti viri, Magistri Benedicti de Paston, nunc dictæ præbendæ præbendarii, vice et auctoritate dicti Capituli observatis, de consuetudine dictæ ecclesiæ observanda, per viros fidedignos beneficiatos seu portionarios in dicta ecclesia, ad quadraginta libras sterlingorum sunt taxati, prout dilectissimus mihi in Christo Dominus Johannes de Swina harum lator vestræ dominationi explanare poterit viva voce; cui, si placet, in dicendis præmissam taxationem contingentibus ådhibere dingnemini plenam fidem, et quid in præmissis ad honorem Dei et Beatæ Mariæ Virginis et S. Johannis prædicti et omnium sanctorum dictæ ecclesiæ patronorum, vestra dominatio duxerit faciendum, dicto Capitulo rescribere, vel etiam mihi vestro. Ex eo quod vestræ dominationi prædicta scribo, michi vestra dominatio si placet nullatenus irascatur, et si quid erga me vestrum volueritis invenietis me per Dei gratiam promptum et paratum ad vestra beneplacita et mandata.

Don't be angry that I write this, who am ever ready to do your commands.

Valeat vestra dominatio reverenda per tempora prospera et feliciter successiva.

Scriptum Beverlaci xiiij die mensis Januarii.

Clerici missi ad ordines ad Siscientes (*sic*).

$132\frac{2}{3}$.
8 March.

ccxxxiiij. 1.—[To be Acolyte, Amandus of Fitteling; to be Subdeacon, William of Midelton, Richard of Wrelton, and

Orders
1 acolyte.
3 subdeacons.
1 deacon.
2 priests.

Thomas of Arnal; to be Deacon, Adam de Queldrik; to be Priest, Robert Rayner, John de Cave, and John de Siglesthorn.]

De Miraculo.

1322.
Undated.
Letters Patent of Chapter.

Miracles wrought by the merits of the confessor S. John of Beverley should be known, so that his church may be the more crowded.

ccxxxiiij. 2.—Universis S. matris ecclesiæ filiis ad quos pervenerit hæc scriptura, Capitulum [etc.].

Quum mira virtutum opera quæ per intercessiones et suffragia dicti Sancti Deus omnipotens per suam invisibilem potentiam operatur, ad laudem et gloriam ipsius et honorem dicti Confessoris sui gloriosi, necnon ad consolationem fidelium, expedit esse nota, ut nomen Altissimi ubilibet exaltetur, et sua Majestas in eadem ecclesia majoris venerationis et devotionis frequentia a Christi fidelibus collaudetur:

J. son of Rt. Dandi of Melton, the bearer, was unable to stand or walk for a month;

carried to the Minster, for a week crawling about he sought his living from those entering:

On Sunday 22 Feb. he was placed near S. John's tomb, and after praying some time fell asleep. Waking at the time of the Procession, he found himself cured, and stood on his feet and walked about the church praising God.

Devotioni vestræ sinceræ harum serie notum fiat, quod cum Johannes filius Roberti Dandi de Melton exibitor præsentium fuisset occulto Dei judicio per diutinam infirmitatem usu et solatio gressuum suorum totaliter destitutus, ita quod super pedes suos per mensem unum stare non posset nec incedere; quovis modo venit sibi in mente ut limina dicti Sancti causa sanitatis adipiscendæ visitaret: tandem advectus ad ecclesiam prædictam in eadem per unam ebdomodam mansit reptando et serpendo, ab ingredientibus diebus singulis postulando victum suum: Die vero Dominica, videlicet, octavo Kalendas Martii ad tumbam dicti Sancti portatus et juxta ipsam tumbam positus, orationibus ibidem diutius insistebat, et cum orationes aliquantulum protraxisset subito dormiebat, evigilans vero hora, qua processio in eadem ecclesia celebratur, se redditum sanitatis pristinæ sentiebat, stetitque supra pedes suos et per ecclesiam distabat, laudans et glorificans Deum, qui ipsum sanitati restituit per merita et suffragia dicti Sancti. Quocirca devotionem vestram in Domino exoramus, ut Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum in suo glorioso Confessore laudetis, qui est sanctorum omnium gloria et corona.

Wherefore we pray you praise Christ in his glorious Confessor.

In cujus rei testimonium has litteras patentes sibi fieri fecimus nostri sigilli munimine roboratas.

Super inductione Cancellarii in corporalem possessionem.

xcv. 2.—Universis pateat per præsentes quod Nos Capitulum [etc.] litteras venerabilis viri Domini Nicholai de Hugat, Præpositi ecclesiæ antedictæ, recepimus, tenorem continens infrascriptum :

Viris venerabilibus et discretis Reverendo Capitulo etc. ut supra in proximo folio de admissione Cancellarii.

Harum igitur auctoritate et virtute litterarum dictum Magistrum Alanum ad dictam Cancellariam admisimus, et ipsum, assignato eidem stallo in choro nostro, ac ceteris omnibus debitis et consuetis in hac parte plenius observatis, prout consuetudo dictæ ecclesiæ exigit et requirit, in corporalem possessionem dictæ Cancellariæ jurium et pertinentiarum ejusdem induximus ut decebat.

In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum.

Datis Beverlaci vj Kalendas Aprilis A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo}xxij^{o}.

1322.*
27 March.
Letters Patent of Chapter.

Witness that Mr. Alan has been duly admitted to Chancellorship.

Licentia super non residentia.

cvj.—Capitulum [etc.] Dilecto [etc.] Alano de Cotham Cancellario ecclesiæ memoratæ [etc. as on p. 290] vj Kalendas Aprilis.

1322.
27 March.
Chapter to Chancellor.

License for non-residence.

Commissio pro quæstu.

ccxxxiiij. 3.—Venerabili viro et discreto domino Officiali Archidiaconi Lincolniensis, Capitulum [etc.].

Quia mandatum Ricardi filii Laurencii Monchant de Lincolnia quæstoris elemosinarum fabricæ ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ ex certis causis et legitimis revocavimus, et adhuc revocamus per præsentes: vos mutuæ vicissitudinis optentu et in juris subsidium, requirimus et rogamus, quatinus regiam protectionem bullam papalem, litteram seu litteras, necnon omnia monumenta ad petendas, colligendas et recipiendas elemosinas dictæ ecclesiæ præfato Ricardo facta seu tradita, Thomæ Gamell, civi Lincolniensi, et Thomæ de Bradele, clerico, procuratoribus nostris restituere, si placet, canonice compellatis; ipsum, si placet, nichilominus citando, quod compareat coram nobis in ecclesia nostra Beverlacensi prædicta quinto die juridico proximo post festum Assencionis

1323.
2 April.
Chapter to official of Archdeacon of Lincoln.

We have revoked the appointment of Rd., son of Laurence Moanchant of Lincoln as collector for our fabric.

We ask you on the principle of mutual assistance to make him restore the Royal letters of protection, Papal Bull, letters, and all other muniments given him to help his collection; and summon him to render accounts at Beverley on next law-day after Ascension Day.

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* These two documents are out of place. They ought to have been on p. 404.

Domini compotum administrationis suæ quæstus prædicti redditurum.

Et quid inde feceritis nos dictis die et loco litteratorie si placet certificetis, litteris vestris patentibus seriem istarum continentibus.

Datis Beverlaci iiij^{to} Nonas Aprilis A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo}xxiij^{o}.

Procuratorium quæstorum Lincolniensis diocœsis.

1323. 2 April.

ccxxxiiij. b. 1.—[Appointment of Thomas Gamell, citizen of Lincoln, and Thomas of Badle, of Lincoln, clerk, proctors to collect for fabric, and also to get from Richard, son of Laurence Monchant, the royal protection and other documents which he had, and do all other things useful for the Minster and Chapter under direction of Mr. John of Leverton, of Lincoln.]

Admissio Magistri Guilfredi de Groppo S. Petri.

1323. 12 April. Mr. Wilfrid de Gropo S. Petri presented letters to the Assessor.

c. b.—ij Idus Aprilis A.D. supradicto Magister Guilfridus de Gropo Sancti Petri, hujus ecclesiæ canonicus, comparuit coram nobis Auditore et porrexit nobis litteras infrascriptas.

10 April. Canons Pickering and Avenel to Chapter's Assessor, reciting

Robertus de Pikering et Dionisius Avenell, Canonici [etc.], Discreto viro ejusdem Capituli Auditori, Salutem in Auctore salutis.

Litteras venerabilis in Christo patris et domini Domini Willelmi Dei gratia [etc.] recepimus in hæc verba:

Archbishop to Chapter.

According to provision of Pope John XXII. to Mr. Wildfrid, LL.D., and process thereon we have admitted him to the prebend held by Sir Barnabas [Mala Spina], vacant by his consecration as Bishop of Luna.*

W. permissione divina [etc.], Dilectis filiis Capitulo [etc.]. Cum secundum formam litterarum gratiæ per sanctissimum in Christo patrem et dominum nostrum Dominum Johannem divina providentia Papam xxij Magistro Guilfrido de Gropo S. Petri, Decretorum doctori, concessæ, ac processuum super eis habitorum, eundem Guilfridum ad canonicatum et præbendam, quos Dominus Barnabas nuper in dicta ecclesia nostra optinebat, per consecrationem ejusdem Barnabos [*sic*] in Episcopum Lunensem jam vacantes, prout in ipsis litteris apostolicis et executoriis super hoc nobis directis plenius continetur, admiserimus, quatenus de jure ac virtute gratiæ apostolicæ supradictæ tenemur, in dictæ nostræ Beverlacensis ecclesiæ canonicum atque fratrem, salvis nobis et eidem ecclesiæ nostræ exceptionibus et defensionibus omnibus competentibus et competituris, tam contra personam quam gratiam et executionem omnem in hac parte habitam et habendam: Salva etiam nobis potestate conferendi canonicatus et præbendam quoscumque, ac officia et beneficia quæcumque, cum in ecclesia prædicta vacaverint, quæ prædicto Magistro Guilfrido debiti vel debita non fuerint virtute gratiæ supradictæ:

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* The see was transferred to Sarzana in 1465.

Vobis mandamus quatinus circa dictum Magistrum Guilfridum, seu ipsius procuratorem, ulterius exequamini quod est vestrum. Valete.

Do your part in the matter.

Datis apud Cawod vij Idus Aprilis A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo}xxiij^{o} et Pontificatus nostri vj^{to}.

Dated Cawood.

Auctoritate itaque per executores dicti Magistri Guilfridi et virtute processus inde habiti, necnon litterarum dicti Domini Archiepiscopi nobis demandatarum ipsum Magistrum Guilfridum, licet absentem a Capitulo, quantum ad nos pertinet, admisimus in canonicum et in fratrem.

We have admitted him accordingly, though absent, as Canon and brother.

Vobis mandamus quatinus eundem Magistrum Guilfridum, vel ipsius procuratorem ejus nomine, in corporalem possessionem ejusdem præbendæ, cum omnibus juribus et pertinentiis ad eandem spectantibus, vice nostra et nomine nostro, inducatis, recipientes ab eodem de observando libertates statuta et consuetudines ecclesiæ prædictæ, cum aliis articulis consuetis, solitum sacramentum. Valete.

Do you give him possession in person or by proxy.

Datis Eboraci iiij Idus Aprilis anno gratiæ m^{o}ccc^{mo}xxiij^{o}.

Dated York

Super inductione.

c. b. 2.—Universis pateat per præsentes quod nos Capitulum [etc.] litteras venerabilis [etc.] Willelmi Dei gratia [etc.] recepimus tenorem continentes infrascriptum:

Willelmus permissione [etc.].

cj.—Hujus igitur auctoritate et virtute litterarum et processus super supradicta . . . . * ipsum Magistrum Gu . . . . admisimus in canonicum et in fratrem ipsumque præstito ab eodem . . . . que eidem stallum in choro et locum in

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* MS. torn away.

Capitulo, ac ceteris omnibus . . . . parte plenius observatis, prout consuetudo dictæ ecclesiæ ex[igit] . . . . dictæ præbendæ cum juribus suis et pertinentiis univer . . . .

In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum . . . . Aprilis A.D. m°cccxxiij.

Eodem die Nos Auditor Capituli prædicti admisso per . . . . Magistro Guilfredo in canonicum et fratrem, et omnibus aliis quæ . . . . consuetudine dictæ ecclesiæ requiruntur rite peractis omnes per . . . . consecrationis dicti Domini Barnabos usque ad præsentem diem in . . . . Siglesthorne vicarii ecclesiæ Beatæ Mariæ Beverlacensis dictæ præbendæ . . . . infra jurisdictionem nostram existentia ad ipsum spectantia . . . . vice Capituli memorati, ut inde eidem Capitulo responde . . fuerit requisitus.

Cardinalis de Hornesse.

1323. 15 April. Pilufortis, Cardinal Priest of St. Anastasia to Chapter.

Complains that they have usurped yearly garbs of hay from his church of Hornsea.

ccxxxv. b. 3.—Honorabilibus et discretis viris Domino Præposito et Capitulo Beverlacensi amicis suis dilectis Pilufortis miseratione divina tituli S. Anastasiæ presbiter Cardinalis, Salutem et dilectionem sinceram.

Nuper ad nos non sine admiratione pervenit, quod vos quasdam trabas avenarum annuas de ecclesia nostra de Hornse usurpastis et usurpare intendistis indebite ac injuste, nullum in illud jus penitus obinentes, nisi illud quod potentia per nostram absentiam vobis præstat, Quare licet de prædictis propter dampnum proprium merito conturbamur, vos tamen scire volumus, quod magis ac magis propter ecclesiam de Hornese turbamur ex illo omnino disposito ne sub nostri regiminis tempere jura ei depereant et ne sibi servitus indebita imponatur et id circo rogamus, quatinus ne super prædictis ad dominum nostrum contra vos oporteat habere recursum, et quasi aliis compulsivis immediis laborare, ab usurpatione dictarum trabarum totaliter abstinentes arripiatis, et percepta per vos Magistro Raymundo procuratori nostro integraliter restituere procuretis.

Datis Avenione die xv mensis Aprilis.

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Acquietancia Quæstoris.

1323. 7 April.

ccxxxv.—Universis pateat per præsentes quod nos Johannes de Swina et Johannes de Hornsee, Custodes operis ecclesiæ [etc.] audivimus compotum Ricardi filii Laurencii Monechant, quæstoris dictæ ecclesiæ in civitate et diocœsi Lincolniensi de toto tempore, quo officium quæstoris nomine præfatæ ecclesiæ in eisdem civitate et diocœsi usque ad præsentem diem exercuit.

Letters Patent of J. of Swine and J. of Hornsea, Masters of the Works.

Certificate that Richard, son of Laurence Moanchant has passed his accounts as collector for fabric in Lincoln city and diocese, and restored all documents belonging to that office.

Quo audito et reddito, allocatisque de jure allocandis; quia invenimus dictum Ricardum dictum officium fideliter exercuisse, et de bonis eidem ecclesiæ in eisdem civitate et diocœsi, pia fidelium devotione datis et etiam assignatis fideliter respondisse, et omnia munimenta ipsum officium contingentia per nos sibi liberata, et per ipsum a diversis prælatis et ordinariis impetrata nobis restituisse et fideliter liberasse, ipsum ab omni onere compoti usque ad præsentem diem, quatenus ad nos attinet, absolvimus et quietum dimittimus per præsentes.

Et quia sigilla nostra [etc.] sigillum venerabilis Capituli [etc.] procuravimus hiis appendi in testimonium præmissorum.

Sealed with Chapter seal.

Datis Beverlaci xv Kalendas Maii A.D. m^o^ccc^mo^ xxiij.

ci. 3.—[Half leaf torn away.]

1323.

17 April.

Chapter's Assessor to Roger, Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield.

Venerabili in Christo patri Domino Rogero Dei gratia Conventrensi et Lichfeldensi Episcopo . . . . S. Johannis Beverlacensis, Salutem, reverentiam et honorem.

Vestræ paternitati reverendæ . . . . notum fiat quod defectus domorum præbendalium præbendæ quam nuper in dicta nostra ecclesia . . . . vestro et prædecessori vestri provenient[es] ad petitionem et crebram instantiam Magistri Thomæ . . . . procuratoris reverendi viri Magistri Benedicti de Paston, concanonici et confratris nostri, nunc . . . præbendæ præbendarii vice et auctoritate nostra, observatis in hac parte de consuetudine dictæ . . . observandis, per viros fidedignos beneficiatos in ecclesia antedicta nec vobis nec sibi suspectos, ad xl^{li} sterlingorum sunt ut nobis retulerunt judicialiter estimati, prout dilectus nobis in Christo Dominus Johannes de Swina harum lator vobis dicere poterit viva voce.

The dilapidations of the prebendal house of your late prebend have been assessed at £40 sterling, as the bearer J. of Swine will be able to tell you.

Vestræ igitur paternitati placeat venerandæ prædictam summam pecuniæ, vel partem ipsius, pro dictis defectibus reparandis, dicto Magistro Benedicto vel ejus procuratori harum [litterarum latori] seu per alium facere liberari. Et quid in præmissis ad honorem Dei et Beatæ Mariæ semper

Please send the amount, or part of it by bearer, and let me know what you propose to do.

virginis et S. Andreæ apostoli et S. Johannis prædicti vestra paternitas duxerit faciendum nobis rescribere per eundem.

Valeat vestra paternitas reverenda per tempora prospera et feliciter successiva.

Datis Beverlaci xv Kalendas Maii.

Procuratorium questoris Archidiaconatus Notingham.

1323. 18 April.

ccxxxv. 2.—[Appointment of Richard, son of Laurence Monechant, and John of Clawurth, collectors for fabric in Archdeaconry of Nottingham.]

Pro jurisdictione vindicanda.

1323. 27 April. Chapter to Assessor of Chapter of York.

ccxxxv. b. 1.—Viro provido et discreto Venerabilium virorum Dominorum Roberti Decani et Capituli Beati Petri Eboracensis causarum Auditori, Capitulum, etc. [asking him not to proceed against their subject Roger of Weltoft at insatnce of Stephen of Cotum, " hominis Sancti Petri."]

De miraculo.

1323. 12 June. Letters Patent of Chapter in witness of miracle.

ccxxxvj. 1.—Universis S. matris ecclesiæ filiis ad quos pervenerit hæc scriptura, Capitulum [etc.].

Quum mira virtutum opera, quæ per intercessiones et suffragia dicti Sancti Deus omnipotens per suam invisibilem potentiam operatur, ad laudem et gloriam ipsius et honorem dicti Confessoris sui gloriosi, necnon ad consolationem fidelium expedit esse nota, ut nomen Altissimi ubilibet exaltetur; et sua majestas in eadem ecclesia majore venerationis et devotionis frequentia a Christi fidelibus collaudetur;

Maud of Setrington, unable to stand for 3 months, only able to move herself on her hands, brought to the church, spent about 3 weeks by S. John of Beverley's tomb; on 4 June, after long prayers at Vespers was restored to health by the merits and prayers, as is believed, of the Saint.

Devotioni vestræ sinceræ harum serie notum fiat, quod cum Matilda de Seterington præsentium exhibitrix fuisset occulto Dei judicio per diutinam infirmitatem usu et solatio gressuum suorum totaliter destituta, Ita quod super pedes suos per tres menses et amplius stare non potuit nec incedere, quovis modo, scilicet, de loco ad locum suis manibus miserabiliter se promovit: Tandem de consilio quorundam bonorum virorum ad ecclesiam nostram prædictam sub spe sanitatis adipiscendæ advecta, ad tumbam dicti Sancti et etiam in eadem ecclesia eadem infirmitate detenta, circiter tres ebdomades moram traxit. Die vero Sabbati proximo ante diem Willelmi Confessoris atque Pontificis, hora vesperarum ad tumbam dicti Sancti posita orationibus diutius insistebat, et cum orationes aliquantulum protraxisset, miseratio divina ipsam restituit pristinæ sanitati per merita et suffragia ut creditur dicti Sancti. Præmissa omnia probata fuerunt tum per notorietatem, tum per testes, sufficienter et legitime pro nobis.

Quocirca devotionem vestram in Domino exoramus ut Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum in suo glorioso Confessore laudetis, qui est sanctorum omnium gloria et corona.

In cujus rei testimonium has litteras patentes sibi fieri fecimus, nostri sigilli munimine roboratas.

Datas Beverlaci ij Idus Junii A.D. supradicto.

[*Purgatio.*]

1323.
Th. of Grimsby, vicar, summoned for misbehaviour with divers women, successfully undergoes purgation.

cj. b. 3.—Thomas de Grimesby, vicarius ecclesiæ [etc.] . . . Ricardi de Hothum, comparuit et negavit, et se de præmisso crimine [purgavit].

[Idem] Thomas vocatus super fornicatione cum Matilda de Bautre comparuit et negavit, [can]onice se purgavit.

W. of Melton the same.

[Willelmus] de Melton vocatus super recidivia cum Petronilla filia Johannis Coci . . . . cum eadem, et super fornicatione cum Margareta de Fitteling, personaliter comparuit et . . . cum duodecima manu sacerdotum canonice se purgavit.

[*Littera super Convocatione.*]

1323.
17 June.
Chapter to Mr. Rt. of Northburgh.

Capitulum [etc.] Discreto viro Roberto de Northburgh [summons to Convocation in usual form].

A.D. m^{o}ccc^{o} vicesimo tertio.

Convocatio.

1323.
26 June.
Convocation.

xv.—Acta in convocatione celebrata vj Kalendas Julii A.D. millesimo ccc^{mo}xxiij^{o}.

3 Canons present,
1 by proxy.
2 abroad.

Præsentibus in ipsa convocatione Magistris Roberto de Pikering, Henrico de Carlton, Dionisio Avenel, Guilfredo de Gropo Sancti Petri, et Domino Willelmo de Sothill; Domino Nicholao de Hugat per dictum Magistrum Dionisium, et Magistrum Alanum de Cotum, Cancellarium dictæ ecclesiæ, procuratores suos; Magistris Benedicto de Paston et Roberto de Northburgh extra regnum agentibus.

De travis terram colentium in diversis parochiis cum una caruca.

A tenant tilling land in several parishes with one plough to pay thraves rateably in each parish, but not more than 4 sheaves in all, so long as he does not do it fraudulently.

In primis, declaratum fuit quod si quis colat terram in diversis parochiis cum una caruca quatuor travæ tantum ab eo exigantur; viz., quod in qualibet parochia pro rata portionis terræ, quam colit, solvat travas; ita quod, ultra quatuor travas pro una caruca nullatenus exigatur, dum tamen in fraudem ecclesiæ nostræ non faciat qui sic colit.

De termino colligendi travas in garbis.

Thraves in sheaves to be entirely collected between Michaelmas and Martinmas.

Item ordinatum est seu declaratum, quod travæ in garbis inter festum Sancti Michaelis et festum Sancti Martini integraliter colligantur, et quod post prædictum festum Sancti Martini nulla executio fiat pro hujusmodi travis levandis, nisi propter contumaciam non solventium, de qua quis executionem petit, fidem faciat juramento; vel etiam alia causa rationabili.

De termino petendi et recipiendi avenam assignatam.

Oats assigned by the thrave-collector to the Bedern, canons and ministers, in Holderness to be collected by the 15 May; and no execution issued afterwards.

Item, ordinatum est et statutum, seu etiam declaratum, quod avena per travatarium Bedernæ Canonicis et ministris ecclesiæ in Holdre assignata exigatur et recipiatur ante quintum decimum die[m] mensis Maii, annis singulis futuris, et quod post dictum quintum decimum diem nulla fiat executio per Capitulum pro dicta avena levanda, nisi propter contumaciam seu offensam non solventium avenam taliter assignatam.

De termino assignationis arenæ per travetarium (sic) faciendæ.

Such assignments to be made before Christmas.

Item, ordinatum est, seu declaratum, quod assignationes avenæ canonicis et ministris ecclesiæ deinceps per travetarium faciendæ, fient ante festum Natalis Domini.

De capella de Mollescroft.*

License granted to Master Philip

Item, ad humilem petitionem Magistri Philippi Ingelbord concessum fuit sibi unanimiter, quod possit ædificare sive construere capellam in honorem Beatæ Mariæ semper virginis perpetuis temporibus per Dei gratiam duraturam, salvo jure cujuslibet et salvis etiam Capitulo obventionibus in dicta capella obvenientibus, seu etiam obventuris.

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* The ruins of this chapel may still be traced in a field, north-east of the junction of the road from Beverley to Cherry Burton with that from Beverley to Leconfield. A small mission-chapel has just been erected on the spot by the present Vicar of the Minster, the Rev. Dr. Nolloth.

Ingelbord to build a chapel at Molescroft to the B. V. M. Saving the rights of everybody, and to the Chapter the oblations in the same chapel.

De custode operis.

Pecunia operis debet custodiri a Camerario ecclesiæ.

Item, Dominus Johannes de Hornesse factus fuit custos operis ecclesiæ, ita tamen quod pecunia operis erit in custodia Camerarii, et liberetur sibi per indenturam.

John of Hornsea appointed Master of the Works. The money of the works to be kept by the Chamberlain and paid out by him under indentnre.

De littera mittenda Cardinali, cujus copia infra continetur.

Item, Ordinatum fuit, quod Præpositus et Capitulum scribant Domino Cardinali, rectori ecclesiæ de Hornesse, (Nota bene, infra continetur); et conventum fuit cum Magistro Johanne de Brigwith, rectore ecclesiæ Sancti Nicholai Beverlacensis, quod iret cum dicta littera ad Curiam, et haberet pro labore suo et expensis centum solidos, et quod quilibet capiens avenam in Bederna ad dictam pecuniam contribuat suam partem.

A letter to be written to the Cardinal, Rector of Hornsea; and John of Brigwith, rector of S. Nicholas, Beverley, to take it to Rome, and be paid 100s., every one sharing in the oats of the Bedern to contribute.

De cartis et instrumentis cantariæ altaris Beati Petri.

Item in eadem convocatione lectæ fuerunt cartæ Cantariæ altaris Beati Petri et per Canonicos approbatæ et collaudatæ.

The deeds of chantry of the altar of Blessed Peter read and approved.

De pecunia in pane et vino pro celebrantibus divina in ecclesia ultra dimidiam marcam ad præmissa de magno altari recipiendam, expendenda, quod exigatur et recipiatur, de summa quando distributiones fieri contigerit de eadam; videlicet in festis Ascensionis, Nativitatis Beati Johannis Baptistæ, et Exaltationis Sanctæ Crucis.

The money for bread and wine for celebrations, beyond ½ a mark to be taken from the High Altar, to be taken out of the distributions on Ascension Day, S. John's Day, and Holy Cross Day.

De usurpatione jurisdictionis Capituli facta per Magistrum Robertum de Ake, Decanum Beverlacensem, Ordinatum est quod habeatur inde colloquium cum Domino Archiepiscopo; et liberata fuit quædam littera Magistro Dyonisio Avenel, Canonico, quam Dominus Willelmus Alund, capellanus cantariæ altaris Sancti Michaelis, subditus ipsius Capituli

An interview to be had with the Abp. as to usurpation of Chapter jurisdiction by Robert of Aike, Dean of Beverley.

The letter which W. Alund, chaplain of the chauntry of S. Michael's altar, an immediate subject of the Chapter, obtained from the Archbishop, handed to Canon Dennis Avenel.

immediate, a dicto Domino Archiepiscopo in præjudicium Capituli impetravit, cujus litteræ copia inferius continetur.

Domino Cardinali.

1323.
30 June.
Provost and Chapter to Pilofortis, Cardinal Priest of S. Anastasia.

ccxxxvj. 2.—Venerabili in Christo patri Domino Piloforti Sanctæ Romanæ ecclesiæ, etc., S. Anastasiæ presbitero Cardinali, sui devoti et humiles Capellani, Præpositus et Capitulum [etc.].

Litteras paternitatis vestræ clausas reverenter recepimus in hæc verba:

Honorabilibus [etc. ut supra in proximo folio].

We do not wish to take any thraves of oats from your church of Hornsea by violence, and unjustly, and God have mercy on him who has written so falsely, but we intend to collect the thraves immemorially and notoriously due for the drink of the Provost and other members of the Minster, from it as from the other churches in Holderness.

Vestræ igitur paternitati veraciter innotescimus reverendæ, quod non fuit, nec est, nec erit, Deo propitio, nostræ intentionis, aliquas travas avenæ annuas de ecclesia vestra de Hornese per potentiam propter vestram absentiam aliqualiter injuste vel indebite usurpare [nec] dictæ ecclesiæ indebitam imponere servitutem, et parcat sibi Deus qui falso contrarium scripsit, sed travas avenæ annuas ad ecclesiam nostram Beverlacensem a tempore cujus contrarii memoria non existit, adeo jure notorio quod nulla tergiversatione celari poterit pertinentes, et pro potu Præpositi, canonicorum, servitorum, vicariorum et clericorum dictæ ecclesiæ nostræ debitas et consuetas, de dicta eeclesia vestra de Hornese quemadmodum de aliis ecclesiis Holdernessiæ vicinis petere et exigere volumus et intendimus, ut tenemur, nec has travas avenæ annuas valemus ullo modo non petitas vel non exactas deserere, seu ab ipsarum exactione quoquomodo cessare, absque perjurio manifestissimo, et distructione ecclesiæ nostræ Beverlacensis in servitoribus et ministris.

We therefore humbly ask your most pious fatherhood not to incline the ears of your piety to suggestions contrary to the truth; and for the honour of God and reverence of S. John instruct your proctor to pay up without scruple for the future.

Quam ob rem vestræ piissimæ paternitati supplicamus, humiliter et devote, quatinus hujusmodi vobis suggestis veritati contrariis aures pietatis vestræ nullatenus inclinare curetis, quin potius dignemini pro Dei honore, zelo veritatis et pro reverentia gloriosi confessoris Beati Johannis ecclesiæ nostræ patroni, procuratori vestro dare in mandatis, quod benigne et absque scrupulo travas hujusmodi debitas et ad ecclesiam nostram pertinentes persolvat, ut exinde possitis, intercedente dicto glorioso Confessore, mereri abundantius apud Deum, qui in dierum longitudine et prosperitate votiva vestram paternitatem reverendam conservet, suæ sanctæ ecclesiæ adjutricem.

Datis Beverlaci ultimo die mensis Junii.

Regina

c. 2.—Quinto Nonas Julii A.D. supradicto venit Domina Regina Angliæ illustris Beverlacum, et jacuit in domo Magistri Benedicti de Paston, præbendæ S. Andreæ præbendarii.

1323. 3 July. The Queen came to Beverley and slept in house of Mr. Benedict of Paston, of S. Andrew's prebend.

Et die sequente audivit missam in choro, et post missam obtulit feretro circiter vii. s., et nichil aliud.

Next day heard mass in choir and gave about 7s. to shrine and nothing else.

J. de Swina.

c. 3.—Die translationis S. Benedicti anno supradicto, post completorium dictum in choro, Dominus Johannes de Swyna, vicarius, in præsentia sociorum suorum resignavit vicariam suam in manus Capituli, J. de Risindon, Auditore tunc Capituli gerente vices ejusdem et ipsam resignationem nomine Capituli admittente;

1323. 11 July. Resignation of his vicarage by J. of Swine.

Quæ littera resignationis in præsentia dicti Auditoris et vicariorum dictæ ecclesiæ lecta fuit per ipsum Johannem de Swyna pariter et singnata (*sic*).

Et est dicta littera in cophino de præsentationibus vicariorum.

Littera privata Roberto Pykering.

ccxxxvj. b. 2.—Suo domino reverendo in Christo karissimo Magistro Roberto de Pikering, Decano ecclesiæ Beati Petri Eboracensis et canonico ecclesiæ Beati Johannis Beverlacensis, suus si placet Johannes de Risindon ecclesiæ Beati Johannis ministerialis se ipsum humilem et devotum cum omnimodis reverentia et honore.

1323. 16 July. J. of Risindon, minister of Minster, to Rt. of Pickering, Dean of York.

Litteras vestras et Capituli vestri Eboracensis Capitulo nostro directas recepi ista die Dominica continentes quod citaret Dominum Willelmum de Melton, vicarium chori nostri, quod compareret coram vobis in Capitulo vestro hac instante die Jovis Isabellæ de Wiredal, tenenti beati Petri super sibi canonice proponendis ab eadem responsurus, etc.

The Chapter of York has directed us to summon Wm. of Melton, a vicar of our choir, to appear in your Chapter to answer Isabel of Weardale, a tenant of S. Peter.

Verum cum Capitulum nostrum primarias cognitiones de omnibus suis subditis notorie habeat, sicut scitis, et hinc a tempore cujus memoria non existit ipsas litteras executioni demandare in derogationem status nostræ ecclesiæ non

But the cognizance of cases concerning our subjects belongs to the Chapter in the first instance; and so I have not dared to execute their mandate, especially without consulting my masters your brethren. Truly for 20 years and more I have served in the Minster and never saw or could hear of any of our subjects being summoned before your Chapter.

audebam et præcipue dominis meis, vobis et vestris confratribus, inconsultis.

Quocirca vestræ dominationi supplico reverendæ quatinus velitis me habere in hac parte vestra benignitate solita excusatum, et me si inde querela fiat erga Auditorem Capituli vestri pariter excusare et injungere eidem quod subditis Capituli nostri coram ipso vocari [non] faciat ad instantiam alicujus in derogationem jurisdictionis nostræ notoriam et status ecclesiæ memoratæ, et præcipue cum scriptum sit quod ecclesiasticus ordo confunditur nisi cuique sua jurisdictio conservetur. Revera per xx annos et amplius in dicta ecclesia deservivi, et nunquam vidi nec scire potui quod aliquis de subditis nostris coram Vobis et Capitulo vestro ad alicujus instantiam citaretur, nisi quod Auditor Capituli vestri, nescio quo spiritu ductus, isto anno ut vestram jurisdictionem forsitan ampliaret, et nostram minueret attemptavit.

Item si placet significetis mihi [*MS. stained*] quod nuntius noster eat ad curiam prout in convocatione fuit nuperime . . . . . . ex quo procurator ecclesiæ de Hornse Bedernæ de avena plenarie satisfecerit; dictus autem nuntius pecuniam juxta conventionem inde factam statim recepit, quam recusat restituere, sepius requisitus, asserens se semper esse paratum quod conventum fuit effectui mancipare.

Valeat vestra dominatio per tempora prospera et feliciter successiva.

Datis Beverlaci xvi Kalendas Augusti.

Conversatio.

1323. 25 July. ccxxxvij.—[Testimonial in favour of Th. of Siglesthorn, chaplain "qui divina cum cura animarum per multos annos infra jurisdictionem nostram laudabiliter celebravit."]

Pro Quæstore.

19 Sept. ccxxxvij. 2.—[Appointment of J. of Preston, chaplain, collector for fabric in Archdeaconry of East Riding.]

ccxxxvij. b. 1.—[Appointment of R^{d}. son of Laurence Monechaunte, clerk, collector for diocese and province of York except East Riding.]

Clerici missi ad ordines.

xij Kalendas Octobris A.D. supradicto missi fuerunt ad ordines infrascripti, viz.:

1323.
20 Sept.
Orders.

1 acolyte.
3 subdeacons.
2 deacons.

Jacobus de Bainton	ad ordinem	accolitatus
Henricus de Mersflet	,,	subdiaconatus
Amandus de Fitteling	,,	,,
Thomas de Godmundham	,,	,,
Ricardus de Wretton	,,	diaconatus
Thomas de Halsham	,,	,,

Super visitatione.

ciiij.—Willelmus, permissione divina [etc.].

1323.
10 Oct.
Abp. Wm. Metion to Chapter.

Postponing the Visitation fixed for 24 Oct. on account of urgent business.

Quia arduis ex causis et inopinatis sumus impediti, quominus visitationi nostræ in Capitulo ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ ad recreationem animarum vestrarum præordinatæ die Lunæ xxiiij^{o} die mensis Octobris, prout alias vobis mandavimus, vacare possumus ista vice;

Vos super hoc tenore præsentium duximus præmuniendum, et per vos confratres vestros absentes, et alios quoscunque qui in hac parte fuerint præmuniendi, præmuniri volumus et mandamus, ne ad dictos diem et locum sub laboribus et expensis conveniatis seu conveniat, quousque per alias nostras litteras, cum vacaverimus, fueritis in hac parte congrue præmuniti. Valete.

Datis apud Thorp prope Eboracum vj^{to} Idus Octobris, anno gratiæ m^{o}ccc^{mo} xiij^{o} et pontificatus nostri septimo.

Testamentum R. Birkin.

1323.
16 Oct.
Will of R. Birkin, Chaplain of Chantry at altar of B. Catharine.

c. iiij. 2.—In nomine Domini, Amen. Anno ejusdem ab incarnatione m^{o}ccc^{mo}xxiij^{o}, Indictione septima, mense Octobris, die sextadecima, Dominus Ricardus de Birkin, Capellanus perpetuæ cantariæ altaris Beatæ Caterinæ in ecclesia collegiata Beati Johannis Beverlacensis suum testamentum et suam ultimam voluntatem, compos mentis et memoriæ, humanæ fragilitatis arbitrio, licet adversa valitudine præpeditus, in mei notarii puplici infrascripti et testium præsentia subscriptorum condidit sub hac forma:

Soul to God: body to be buried before said altar.

In primis legavit animam suam Deo, et corpus suum ad sepelliendum in ecclesia Beati Johannis prædicti coram altare Beatæ Caterinæ prædictæ, si humaniter de eo contingeret, et gratia illius sepulturam inpetrare valeat.

After payment of debts and funeral expenses residue among poor relations as cousin Nicholas of Sutton, his executor, with J. of Amcotts, portioner in the Minster, thinks fit.

Item debitis suis ante omnia plenarie persolutis, et corpore suo ecclesiasticæ tradito sepulturæ, legavit omnia bona sua residua ad distribuendum inter pauperes parentes suos, secundum ordinationem Nicholai de Sutton consanguinei sui, quem suum hujus testamenti et suæ ultimæ voluntatis executorem constituit principalem, una cum Domino Johanne de Amcotes, clerico, portionario ecclesiæ Beati Johannis prædicti.

Done in the hostel in which he lived in Southmoregate.

Acta fuerunt hic apud Beverlacum in hospitio in quo dictus Dominus Ricardus habitavit in Suthmorgate, anno Indictione mense et die quibus supra; præsentibus Domino Alano de Humbelton, vicario ecclesiæ prædictæ Beati Johannis, et Alano de Humbelton famulo ejusdem vicarii, testibus ad præmissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis.

Et ego Johannes Chaumpenays de Eboraco, clericus Eboracensis diocesis, auctoritate apostolica notarius puplicus, præmissis omnibus et singulis, prout supra scribuntur, præsens interfui, una cum testibus prænotatis suprascriptarum [*sic*], manu mea scripsi et puplicavi, in hanc etiam puplicam formam redegi, a prædictoque Domino Ricardo rogatus signum meum apposui consuetum.

Probate.

1323.
2 Nov.
Probate of Will of R. Birkin.

Administration granted to J. of Amcotts, the other executor renouncing.

ciiij. b. 1.—*In Dei nomine, Amen. Auditor causarum Venerabilis Capituli [etc.] præsens testamentum rite conditum pronuntiantes, Nicholao de Sutton, executore in eodem nominato ab honere administrandi se legitime excusante, Domino Johanni de Amcotes, executori in eodem nominato liberam commisimus administrationem secundum formam statuti super hoc editi in bonis ipsum contingentibus testamentum.

Datum Beverlaci secundo die Novembris A.D. millesimo ccc^{mo}xxiij^{o}.

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* Three leaves torn away before this: probably because they contained inconvenient revelations of the kind contained on f. c. b. as to the conduct of the members of the Minster at the Archbishop's visitation.

Admissio Domini Johannis de Beningholm.

ciiij. b. 3.—A.D. supradicto Dominus [etc. as above] præsentavit nobis litteras infrascriptas. Willelmus: [etc.]

1323.
11 Nov.
Admission of J. of Benningholm as Abp.'s vicar in Minster.

R. Northburg pro terra in Molliscroft.

c. iiij. b. 4.—Venerabilibus et discretis viris dominis Canonicis et Capitulo [etc.], suus confrater et concanonicus Robertus de Northburgh, fraternam in Domino caritatem.

1323.
4 Oct.
Rt. of Northburgh to Chapter.

Cum parvis desideriis complacendi, studiis litterarum intendens in remotis, quominus terrarum culturis vacare potero in præsenti, vestram sinceram deprecor in Domino devotionem, quatenus terrarum et tenementorum dimissionem de consilio amicorum eorundem notitiam habentium factam per scriptum indentatum, cujus alteram partem hujusmodi contractum ratificans consignavi; prout in similibus dimissionibus fieri consuevit, per vestras litteras Capitulares dignemini confirmare, cum in meæ præbendæ succedentium, quia in eadem fidedignorum relatione testante cedet hic contractus commodum et profectum.

As I am attending a University abroad, so that I cannot attend to the cultivation of land, I beseech you in the Lord to confirm a lease, one part of which I send you, of land of my prebend; which according to trustworthy report will be profitable for those succeeding to it.

Valeat vestra fraternitas in prosperitate continua et votiva. Scriptis Aureliani iiij^{to} die mensis Octobris.

Dated at Orleans.

Quæ littera est in quodam cofino in quo continentur cartæ Cancellariæ ecclesiæ beati Johannis Beverlacensis.

[*Commissio.*]

ccxxxvij. 4.—Idibus Decembris A.D. supradicto facta fuit commissio Ricardo Roce et Simoni Roce ad liberandum gaolam nostram secundum legem et consuetudinem regni.

1323.
13 Dec.
Commission for delivery of chapter gaol.

Præsentatio ad officium berefellarii Magistro Johanni de Hugat.

cv. 1.—iij Nonas Januarii A.D. supradicto Magister Johannes de Hugat, clericus, comparuit coram nobis Auditore, et porrexit nobis litteras infrascriptas.

132$\frac{3}{4}$.
3 Jan.
Mr. John of Huggate, clerk,

Venerandæ discretionis viris Venerabili Capitulo [etc.] Nicholaus de Hugat, Præpositus ecclesiæ prælibatæ, Salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem.

On presentation dated 22 Dec., 1323, of N. of Huggate, Provost, vacant by death of Robert of Crakehall.

Quia corrodium, quod habuit Robertus de Crakhall, clericus de Berfell, in dicta Beverlacensi ecclesia per mortem ipsius vacans, et ad collationem meam spectans Dilecto clerico meo Magistro Johanni de Hugat cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis contuli, intuitu caritatis;

Vos requiro quatinus circa ipsum quod vestrum est in hac parte velitis ulterius exequi cum favore. Feliciter et diu in Domino valeatis.

Dated at Berkhampstead.

Datis apud Berkhampstede xj Kalendas Januari anno gratiæ millesimo ccc^{mo}xxiij^{o}.

Admissio ad officium Berefellarii; bene concepta.

Admitted to the office of Berefellar.

Harum igitur virtute litterarum dictum Magistrum Johannem, observatis omnibus de jure et consuetudine dictæ ecclesiæ observandis, ad dictum corrodium, vice et auctoritate dicti Capituli, admisimus cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis, et instituimus in eodem; jure cujuslibet in omnibus semper salvo; ipsum in spiritualibus per librum et in temporalibus per panem investientes, cum præstito ab eodem in habitu regulari juramento consueto, stallum in choro cum omnibus aliis debitis et consuetis fecimus assignari, et sibi fecimus litteras super admissione sua in corporalem possessionem et inductione fecimus [*sic*] infrascriptas.

Magistro Johanni de Hugat.

Same day Letters Patent of Chapter.

Certificate of admission of Mr. J. of Huggate.

cv. 3.—Universis pateat per præsentes quod Nos Capitulum [etc.] litteras venerabilis viri Domini Nicholai de Hugat, Præpositi ecclesiæ antedictæ, recepimus tenorem continentes infrascriptum.

Venerandæ, etc.

Harum igitur virtute litterarum dictum Magistrum Johannem ad dictum corrodium admisimus, et ipsum, assignato sibi stallo in choro, ac ceteris omnibus debitis et consuetis in hac parte plenius observatis, in corporalem possessionem dicti corrodii jurium et pertinentium ejusdem, salvo jure cujuslibet, induximus, ut decebat.

In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum.

Datis Beverlaci iij^{o} Nonas Januarii A.D. supradicto.

Venerabili Capitulo ecclesiæ Beati Petri Eboracensis per Capitulum ecclesiæ Beati Johannis Beverlacensis.

132$\frac{3}{4}$.
16 Jan.
Chapter to Chapter of York.

ccxxxvij. b. 4.—Viris reverendis et discretis Domino Roberto, Decano, et Capitulo Beati Petri Eboracensis Capitulum, etc., Salutem, et mutuæ vinculum caritatis cum devotis reverentia et honore.

Quum Dominum Johannem de Preston, capellanum exhibitorem præsentium ad petendum [etc., asking that they will issue letters to enable him to collect in the jurisdiction of the Chapter of York.]

Procuratorium pro procuratore eligendo.

132$\frac{3}{4}$.
22 Jan.

ccxxxviij.—[Canon Dennis Avenel appointed Proctor for Convocation at York Tuesday after Purification of the Virgin (2 Feb.), to elect Proctors for Parliament at Westminster three weeks after 2 Feb.]

Compotus Domini Johannis de Amcotes.

132$\frac{3}{4}$.
19 Feb.
Release to J. of Amcotts on accounts as executor of Rd. of Birkin, Chaplain.

ccxxxviij. 2.—xij Kalendas Martii A.D. supradicto Dominus Johannes de Amcotes, executor testamenti Domini Ricardi de Birking, capellani, comparuit coram nobis Auditore, et reddidit compotum suum de administratione sua in bonis ipsius defuncti; quo reddito et audito, allocatisque allocandis, quia invenimus ipsum in bonis ipsius fideliter administrasse, et ultra vires inventarii iij s. expendisse, ipsum ab omni honere compoti, quatenus ad nos attinet, absolvimus et quietum dimisimus, et eidem litteras acquietanciæ sub sigillo officii nostri concessimus.

R. Northburgh. Amen dico.

132$\frac{3}{4}$.
17 Feb.
Mr. Rt. of Northburgh, canon and prebendary of S. Martin's; having shown his papal provision thereto, and his admission by proxy,

cv. 4.—xiiij° Kalendas Martii A.D. supradicto, Magister Robertus de Northburgh, canonicus et præbendarius præbendæ S. Martini in ecclesia Beati Johannis Beverlacensis coram Capitulo, Magistro Gwilfrido præsenti, personaliter comparuit; expositoque qualiter ipsam præbendam auctoritate apostolica fuerat assecutus, et in corporalem possessionem per procuratorem suum, assignatis sibi stallo in choro et loco

was assigned stall in choir and place in Chapter, and putting on the regular habit, re-entered the Chapter, and was admitted Canon with the usual kiss and oath.

in Capitulo, per Magistrum Willelmum de Seton, clericum, ad præmissa specialiter deputatum, exiit et habitum regularem induit, et rediens in Capitulum admissus fuit in canonicum et in fratrem cum osculo, et juramentum præstitit solitum, et assignata fuerunt sibi stallum in choro et locus in Capitulo, quatenus de jure fieri potuit et debuit.

Bointon : super licentia abessendi.*

132$\frac{3}{4}$.
24 Feb.
Chapter to Rd. of Boynton, one of the 7 clerks.

ccxxxviij. 3 and cvj. 4.—Capitulum [etc.] Dilecto nobis in Christo Ricardo de Bointon, uni de septem clericis ecclesiæ nostræ, Salutem in Domino.

Leave of absence and dispensation for non-residence for 3 years at any school of literature.

Precibus tuis favorabiliter inclinati, ut per triennium, computatum a die confectionis præsentium, insistere valeas quo volueris congruo studio† litterarum, tibi licentiam concedimus gratiose ; et tecum super non residentia per prædictum tempus, quantum ad nos attinet dispensamus.

Provided a fit proxy is left.

Proviso quod ecclesia nostra in hiis, quæ ad te ratione portionis tuæ spectant, debitis obsequiis interim non fraudetur, et quod in eadem habeas procuratorem idoneum, qui in singulis et per omnia contingentia in tua absentia debite perimpleat loco tuo. Vale.

Data Beverlaci vij^{a} Kalendas Martii A.D. supradicto.

Concessa fuit et emanavit de præcepto Magistrorum Henrici de Carlton et Guilfredi de Gropo.

Citatio vel monitio quæstoris.

132$\frac{3}{4}$.
1 March.
Chapter to Official of Archdeacon of Lincoln.

[Commending Richard, son of Laurence Monechant, to him as the Chapter's collector, and asking him to make Thomas Gamel and Thomas of Bradele, late collectors, give up their muniments and appear to pass their accounts as collectors.]

Tempus inter Barnabos et Guilfridum.

132$\frac{3}{4}$.
19 March.
Nich. of Siggles-thorn accounts for profits of

cv. b.—Die lunæ proxima ante diem S. Cutberti anno supradicto, Dominus Nicholaus de Silestorn, firmarius quondam præbendæ S. Michaelis, reddidit Capitulo compotum de proventibus dictæ præbendæ provenientibus, a die consecrationis Domini Barnabonis Malæ spinæ, dictæ præbendæ dudum præbendarii, et Magistrum Guilfridum de Groppo S. Petri, nunc præbendarium ejusdem;

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* Boyngton in copy on f. cvj.

† This must mean a University. A Grammar School he would have found at Beverley.

S. Michael's prebend from consecration of Barnabas Malaspina, and [admission of] Mr. Wilfrid of de Groppo S. Peter;

Quo audito et reddito, factaque deductione xl marcarum Magistro Thomæ de Luco, procuratori dicti Barnabonis, solutarum, et pecuniæ solutæ pro oneribus ecclesiæ et pecuniæ solutæ dicto Magistro Guilfrido, solvit Magistris Roberto de Pikering, Dionisio Avenel et Henrico de Carleton, canonicis tunc residentialibus, ix li. xxiij d.; et quietus recessit.

deducting 40 marks paid to Barnabas and for common expenses, and money paid to Wilfrid £9 1s. 11d. was paid to 3 Residentiary Canons.

J. de Swyna.

$132\frac{3}{4}$. 11 July.

c. 3.—Die Translationis S. Benedicti anno supradicto, post completorium dictum in choro Dominus Johannes de Swyna, vicarius, in præsentia sociorum suorum resingnavit vicariam suam in manus Capituli, Johanne de Risindon, Auditore tunc Capituli, gerente vices ejusdem, et ipsam resingnationem nomine Capituli admittente.

After compline in choir J. of Swine resigned his vicarage to Chapter's assessor.

Quæ littera resingnationis in præsentia dicti Auditoris et vicarii dictæ ecclesiæ lecta fuit per ipsum Johannem de Swyna pariter et singnata, et est dicta littera in cophino de præsentationibus vicariorum.

It is in the box of presentations of vicars.

1324. 4 April.

ccxxxviij. b.—Universis sanctæ [etc. Appointment of R^{d}. son of Laurence Monechaunte, collector for fabric in city and diocese of Lincoln].

Datis Beverlaci die S. Ambrosii Episcopi A.D. supradicto.

Episcopo Lincoln pro quæstore.

Reverendo [etc.] Henrico Episcopo Lincolniensi, Devotum Capitulum [etc.].

Same day.

[To ask for licence to Collector to collect in Lincoln diocese.]

ccxxxix.—Decano et Capitulo Lincoln pro quæstore.

[To same purport.]

De altare S. Jacobi.

1324. 5 April.

cvj. 3.—Nonis Aprilis A.D. supradicto Magistri Robertus de Pikering, Henricus de Carlton et Guilfridus de Gropo

The Chapter

assigned the altar of S. Martin's prebend to the vicar of the prebend of S. James;

S. Petri, canonici tunc Capitulum facientes seu repræsentantes assignaverunt altare quondam B. Martini Domino Alano de Humbelton, vicario præbendæ S. Jacobi Apostoli, et ejus successoribus vicariis dictæ præbendæ quantum ad ipsum attinet, salvo jure cujuslibet;

who immediately transferred the image of S. James and other ornaments from the old S. James' altar to the new one.

Et statim dictus Alanus de altare dictæ præbendæ antiquitus assignato imaginem S. Jacobi et alia ornamenta ad altare prædictum fecit inferri.

Hugate.

1324. 18 April. Mr. J. of Huggate, one of the 7 clerks, summoned for misbehaviour with Emma of Cranswick, confessed and due penance is enjoined, and familiarity with her interdicted under penalty of 5s.

cv. b. 3.—xiiij° Kalendas Maii A.D. supradicto, Magister Johannes de Hugat, unus de septem clericis, vocatus super crimine fornicationis cum Emma de Crauncewike comparuit, et fatetur;

Injunctaque sibi pœnitentia competenti, interdiximus sibi omnem familiaritatem cum eadem in locis suspectis, sub pœna lx denariorum.

Hugat.

1324. 18 April. Letters Patent of Assessor.

that Mr. J. of Huggate, one of the 7 clerks, diffamed for misbehaviour with Emma of Cranswick has been canonically corrected by him.

ccxxxix. 3.—Universis pateat per præsentes, quod cum Magister Johannes de Hugat, unus de septem clericis ecclesiæ [etc.] super crimine fornicationis cum Emma de Crauncewik fuisset aliquantulum diffamatus;

Nos venerabile Capitulum [etc.] causarum Auditor correctionem canonice fecimus de eodem.

In cujus rei testimonium sigillum officii nostri præsentibus est appensum.

Datis xiiij° Kalendas Maii anno supradicto.

Procuratorium in Concilio Provinciali.

1324. 20 April.

ccxxxix. b. 1.—[Appointment of Canon Dennis Avenel as proctor for Provinical Council at York on 4 May.]

Super purgatione.

1324. Letters Patent of Assessor.

That W. of Swine, vicar [choral], has

Universis pateat per præsentes quod cum Dominus Willelmus de Swyna, vicarius ecclesiæ [etc.] coram nobis Auditore Venerabilis Capituli ecclesiæ memoratæ, fama, ut dicebatur, super hoc laborante, super crimine fornicationis cum J. filia W. B. ad certum diem fuisset legitime evocatus, idem Dominus Willelmus sufficienter et legitime comparuit secundum formam vocationis sibi factæ, de hujusmodi crimine asserens se immunem, purgationemque suam offerens cum effectu; quam sibi indictam cum octava manu sacerdotum [persona]liter admisit et canonice eam fecit.

undergone purgation on charge of misbehaviour with a lady specified by initials.

Propter quod bonæ famæ, quantum ad nos attinet, [restituimus] . . . . . testimonio præsentium quas sigilli nostri munimine fecimus roborari.

Datis Beverlaci [MS. stained] A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo} vicesimo quarto.

Similem litteram habuit Dominus Thomas de Grimesby pro Avicia uxore Ricardi de Hothum et Maria de Bautre, et Dominus Willelmus de Melton pro Petronilla filia Johannis coci, et Margareta de Fitteling.

De Visitatione.

Capitulum [etc.] Reverendo et discreto viro Magistro Benedicto de Paston, concanico et confratri nostro, Salutem [etc. Summons for Archbishop's visitation for 16 May. Dated Beverley, S. George's Day].

1324.
23 April.

Acquietantia expensarum.

ccxxxix. b. 4.—Sciant universi per præsentes quod ego J. de Risindon camerarius ecclesiæ [etc.] collector [et receptor] expensarum factarum circa [communia negotia] ecclesiæ memoratæ a festo Ascensionis dominicæ [MS. stained] . . A.D. revoluto, recepi de reverendo viro Domino Roberto de Northburgh canonico et præbendario præbendæ S. Martini in ecclesia memorata per manus Domini . . . . . . procuratoris sui . . . . . . sterlingorum pro portione sua dictarum expensarum ipsum de prædicto tempore contingente.

1324.
1 June.
Chamberlain to Rt. of Northburgh.

Receipt for share of common expenses from Ascension Day, 1323.

In cujus rei testimonium sigillum meum præsentibus est appensum.

Datis Beverlaci . . . . Kalendas Junii A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo}xxiiij^{o}.

Purgatio.

ccxl. 1.—Universis pateat per præsentes quod cum Domino Johanni de Rimeswell, Capellano cantariæ altaris Beatæ

1324.
3 June.
Letters Patent of Assessor.

J. of Rimswell, chaplain of S. Katharine's Chantry, charged with assault on Wm. of Ottringham, when in deacon's orders, and so excommunicate and having fallen into irregularity by celebrating divine service.

Caterinæ Virginis in ecclesia [etc.] ab aliquibus, ut asseruit, coram nobis Auditore venerabilis Capituli [etc.] fuisset crimen impositum infrascriptum, quod idem Johannes in Dominum Willelmum de Otringham, tunc in ordine diaconatus constitutum debuit manus sacrilegas injecisse, et sic in sententiam excommunicationis majoris latam a sacro canone in hujusmodi facinoris præsumptorem dampnabiliter incidisse, et sic divina officia celebrando irregularitatem miserabiliter incurrisse; Idem Johannes coram nobis personaliter comparuit, de hujusmodi crimine asserens se immunem, et ad purgandum suam innocentiam in hac parte se admitti cum instantia postulavit.

For his good fame and the consciences of the other vicars demanded to be put to purgation by 12 priests;

Nos vero Auditor prædictus sua magna instantia excitatus, et ad præservationem famæ suæ conscientiarumque vicariorum et aliorum ministrorum ecclesiæ memoratæ, purgationem suam cum xij manu sacerdotum duximus admittendam.

This was done and he was restored to good fame.

Qua canonice facta, ipsum suæ bonæ famæ quatenus ad officium nostrum attinet, salvo jure cujuslibet, restituimus per decretum.

In cujus rei testimonium sigillum officii nostri est appensum.

Datis Beverlaci iij nonas Junii A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo}xxiiij^{to}.

Clerici missi ad ordines.

1324. 7 June. Orders.

ccxl. 2.—Missi fuerunt ad ordines in Ebdomada Pentecostes videlicet clerici infrascripti.

2 sub-deacons 2 deacons.

Galfridus de Baron et Jacobus de Bainton ad ordinem subdiaconatus.

Johannem de Patrington et Thomas de Arnal ad ordinem diaconatus . . .

Sub dato diei Jovis videlicet vij^{o} Idus Junii A.D. supradicto.

*Commissio attornati.**

1321. 3 Oct. Appointment of J. of Harpham and Th. of Saltmarsh, attorneys, to

ccxl. 3.—Universis Christi fidelibus pateat per præsentes quod Nos, Capitulum [etc.] assignavimus et loco nostro constituimus Dilectos nobis in Christo Johannem de Harpham et Thomam de Salsomarisco, præsentium exhibitores, conjunctim et divisim, et quemlibet eorum in solidum attornatos nostros ad Curias et libertates nostras petendas et calumpniandas coram quibuscunque Justitiariis Domini Regis Angliæ illustris, tam in Banco quam in Assisas capiendas assignatis, et ad omnia et singula faciendum et exercendum, quæ officium attornati quoquo modo pertinere dinoscuntur;

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* Apparently inserted here as a precedent for the next document.

assert all Chapter privileges before King's Justices in Banco or at the assizes.

Ratum habentes habiturique et gratum, quicquid prædicti Johannes et Thomas, et eorum alter, nomine nostro, fecerint seu fecerit in præmissis.

In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum.

Datis Beverlaci iij die mensis Octobris A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo} xxj^{o}.

Commissio attornati.

1324. 8 Aug. Appointment of Rt. of Swine, as Attorney in Banco and at Assizes.

ccxl. 4.—Universis pateat [etc., as in last to constituimus] Dilectum et fidelem nostrum Robertum de Swyna, præsentium exhibitorem, attornatum nostrum ad Curias [etc., as in last].

Datis Beverlaci viij die Augusti A.D. millesimo ccc^{mo} vicesimo quarto.

Publicatio sententiæ excommunicationis pro violatione liberatum.

1324. 20 Aug. Chapter to Dean of Dickering.

ccxl. b. 1.—Capitulum [etc.], Discreto viro Domino Decano de Dikering, Salutem in Auctore salutis.

Cum in omnes raptores et violatores sanctæ matris ecclesiæ, et præcipue ecclesiæ nostræ S. Johannis prædicti, qui, per fraudem vel nequitiam aut invidiam vel excogitatam malitiam, consuetudines, rectitudines, jura, libertates et privilegia ecclesiæ antedictæ, quibus hactenus usi sumus, ut in terris et tenementis, wardis, releviis, escaetis, obedientiis, fidelitatibus, sectis curiarum, redditibus, servitiis et aliis rebus quibuscunque, quocumque modo, clam vel palam, tacite vel expresse, consilio, auxilio vel consensu adnullare, perturbare, auferre, infringere seu substituere, ausu sacrilego moliuntur; in omnesque pacem dicti Sancti temere violantes quibuscunque locis infra libertatem memoratam; insuper et qui ecclesias, beneficia, terras, redditus, pocessiones (*sic*) ad nos et ordinationem nostram, seu alicujus concanonicorum nostrorum spectantes, spreta nostra seu ipsius auctoritate, invaserint, aut scienter, in nostrum seu alicujus concanonicorum nostrorum præjudicium seu dampnum detinuerint, et omnes eorundem autores (*sic*) et fautores consilium vel auxilium præbentes; necnon in travarum ecclesiæ memoratæ illicitos detentores, sit et fuerit, a tempore cujus contrarii memoria non existit, sententia excommunicationis majoris quater in anno in ecclesia nostra prædicta auctoritate sanctorum patrum provide promulgata;

Nos volentes quod dicta sententia excommunicationis, universis Christi fidelibus, quatenus fieri potest, plenius innotescat, ne Christi fideles labe excommunicationis hujusmodi maculentur, et ne quis possit prætendere ignorantiam in hac parte,

Vobis mandamus, quatinus dictam sententiam excommunicationis sic latam, cum omnibus clausulis in præsenti mandato contentis, in ecclesia parochiali de Garton et aliis ecclesiis decanatus vestri per ipsarum rectores, vicarios seu presbiteros parochiales, diebus Dominicis et festivis intra missarum solempnia, quando populi multitudo aderit, in eisdem faciatis solempniter publicari, ut Christi fideles dictæ sententiæ excommunicationis [*MS. stained*] notitiam optinentes a præmissis insolentiis omnino abstineant et desistant.

Et ad probationem mandati nostri totaliter [etc.].

Datis Beverlaci xiij^{o} Kalendas Septembris A.D. [etc.].

Pro quæstu, Lincoln.

1324.
13 Sept.

ccxli.—[Appointment of J. of Stork collector of new fabric in cities and dioceses of York, Durham, and Carlisle for two years from date.] Idibus Septembris A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo}xxiiij^{to}.

1325.
July.

Memorandum quod iij Nonas Julii A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo}xx^{mo} quinto factum fuit eidem Ricardo* simile procuratorium per biennium tantum duraturum.

Processus contra Willelmum de Melton.

1324.
23 July—22 Sept.
Deprivation of Wm. of Melton Vicarage of S. Michael's prebend for non-residence.

J. of Risindon and Hugh of Ottringham made Chapter's Commissaries in the matter.

cvj. b. 3.—Vicesimo tertio die mensis Julii A.D. supradicto Venerabile Capitulum [etc.], Domino W. de Sotill canonico Capitulum, etc., representante, commisit vices suas Dominis Johanni de Risindon et Hugoni de Otringham, vicariis dictæ ecclesiæ, in præsentia Johannis de Eboraco, notarii auctoritate apostolica publici, ad citandum et monendum et ad procedendum in forma juris contra Dominum Willelmum de Melton, vicarium, absentem absque causa probabili, necessaria vel honesta, licentia a Capitulo non petita, et ad pronuntiandum dictam vicariam vacantem, si idem Willelmus non compareat infra terminum sibi canonice moderandum, et ad privandum eundem et ad recipiendum alium idoneum ad vicariam prædictam, et ad faciendum omnia et singula quæ in præmissis necessaria fuerint vel etiam oportuna.

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* Some mistake here, due to the original.

Quo die facta fuit sibi monitio in hac forma :

Warning to W. of Melton, absent for 28 days without leave, to return within 9 days.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Nos Johannes de Risindon et Hugo de Otringham vicarii [etc.] ac etiam venerabilis Capituli [etc.] ad infrascripta conjunctim et divisim commissarii specialiter deputati, Auctoritate vice et nomine dicti Capituli monemus primo in Capitulo prænotato Dominum Willelmum Melton, qui se gessit pro vicario præbendæ S. Michaelis in ecclesia memorata et vicariam occupavit ejusdem, pro eo, quod idem Dominus Willelmus a cura et onere ipsi vicariæ incumbentibus se jam per xxviij dies, absque cansa necessaria probabili vel honesta, fraudulenter, non obtenta licentia, absentavit, contra formam sui præstiti juramenti, ut infra novem dies personaliter resideat in eadem, sub periculo quod incumbit, ne ipsa vicaria contra laudabilem approbatam et præscriptam consuetudinem ecclesiæ prænotatæ debitis obsequiis defraudetur.

Second Warning, 26 July. Third, 30 July.

Secunda monitio facta fuit xxvj die mensis Julii in Capitulo et in stallo; et tertia, xxx die mensis prædicti.

Lapso termino antedicto, die Sabbati proximo post diem S. Petri ad vincula dictus Willelmus legitime præconizatus, et diutius expectatus, non comparuit. Nos vero dictum Willelmum usque ad diem Sabbati proximo sequentem duximus expectandum.

Adjourned to Saturday, 11 Aug.

Quo die legitime præconizatus et diutius expectatus non comparuit. Nos vero ipsum Willelmum ad ejus malitiam convincendam usque ad diem Sabbati proximum, post diem S. Bartholomæi,* duximus expectandum, quem diem sibi assingnamus pro termino peremptorio.

Adjourned to Sat., Aug. 25.

Quo die legitime præconizatus et diutius expectatus non comparuit. Nos vero nolentes præcipitanter agere in hac parte ipsum usque ad diem Lunæ proximum ante diem Nativitatis Beatæ Mariæ de benignitate duximus expectandum.

Adjourned to Monday, 3 Sept.

Quo die non comparuit. Nos ad instantiam amicorum suo-

At request of

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* In 1324, Aug. 24, S. Bartholomew's Day was a Friday.

friends. adjourned to 24 Sept

rum ipsum usque ad diem Lunæ proximum ante festum S. Michaelis duximus expectandum.

Quo die non comparuit legitime præconizatus. Nos vero invocata S. Spiritus gratia, sic duximus pronuntiandum:

Pronuntiatio.

24 Sept. Sentence of deprivation pronounced.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Quia Dominus Willelmus de Melton, qui se dudum gessit pro vicario præbendæ S. Michaelis [etc.] per nos Johannem de Rysindon et Hugonem de Otryngham [etc.] auctoritate Capituli [etc.] ad infrascripta commissarios conjunctim et divisim specialiter deputatos, monitus legitime trinis vicibus, ut in vicaria præbendæ prædictæ personaliter resideret juxta formam juramenti præstiti, sub periculo quod incumbit; qui quidem Dominus Willelmus a dicta vicaria jam per tres menses et amplius absque causa rationabili probabili vel honesta se absentavit, licentia non optenta, licet hujusmodi monitiones patri ipsius Domini Willelmi et aliis parentibus et amicis in villa de Melton, ubi oriundus existit, et alibi, notificata fuit, residere non curat nec nostris parere monitionibus in hac parte;

Upwards of 3 months absent.

Notice had been given to his father and friends in Melton, his native place.

Idcirco ipsum Dominum Willelmum ipsius absentia, Dei repleta præsentia, a dicta vicaria privamus seu amovemus sententialiter et diffinitive in hiis scriptis; Decernentes venerabilem virum et discretum Magistrum G. de Gropo S. Petri, canonicum præbendæ memoratæ, fore præmuniendum ut ad dictam vicariam tanquam vacantem præsentet personam idoneam, ne diutius debitis obsequiis defraudetur.

Datis viij Kalendas Octobris A.D. $m^{mo}ccc^{mo}$xxiiij.

Denuntiatio Canonico.

1324. 24 Sept. Chapter to Mr. Wilfrid de Gropo S. Petri.

cvij. 3.—Capitulum [etc.] Reverendo et discreto viro Magistro Guilfrido de Gropo S. Petri, concanonico et confratri nostro, Salutem [etc.].

Wm. of Melton, Vicar of your prebend, has been deprived for absenting himself without leave,

Quum Dominum Willelmum de Melton, vicariam præbendæ vestræ sibi concessam in ecclesia antedicta, absque justa causa necessaria, probabili vel honesta, temere deserentem, se a cura et onere ipsi vicariæ incumbentibus per tres menses et amplius absentando, consensu nostro minime accedente, contra formam in admissione sua ad eandem præstiti juramenti; pro quo legitime et peremptorie monitus, et diutius, ob reverentiam domini nostri Eboracensis Archiepiscopi, cujus promotus extitit, et amicorum suorum pro ipso interpellantium, expectatus, [quia] ad ipsam redire non curavit, et in ipsa corporaliter residere infra terminum congruum sibi per nos canonice assignatum, dictam vicariam, juris ordine observato, canonice privavimus et ipsum ab eadem cum omnibus suis juribus et pertinentiis sententialiter et diffinitive amovimus justitia exigente;

after long delay, through reverence of the Archbishop, by whom he was promoted, and his friends.

Vestræ discretioni reverendæ dictam vicariam sic esse vacantem tenore præsentium nuntiamus; vos prævenientes, quatinus ad ipsam vicariam, ne diutius debitis obsequiis defraudetur, personam idoneam ad eandem curetis nobis, quatinus commode poteritis, secundum formam constitutionis super hoc editæ præsentare.

Please appoint a fit person to the vacant vicarage.

Valeat vestra fraternitas reverenda in amplexibus Salvatoris dulciter et bene.

Datis Beverlaci viij^{o} Kalendas Octobris A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo}xxiiij^{to}.

Litteræ licentiæ. Harpham.

1324.
14 Oct.
Chapter to Wr. of Harpham, one of 7 clerks.

cvij. b. 2.—Capitulum [etc.] dilecto [etc.] Waltero de Harpham uni de septem clericis.

Contemplatione et rogatu Venerabilis in Christo fratris Domini Johannis, D. G. Wintoniensis Episcopi, cujus obsequiis immoraris devotius excitati Tibi licentiam absentandi et ipsius obsequiis per biennium insistendi, eo non obstante quod ad personalem et continuam residentiam es astrictus;

At request of Jn. [of Sandal], Bishop of Winchester, licence for non-residence, for his service.

Proviso [etc. as on p. 290].

Datis Beverlaci ij^{o} Idus Octobris A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo}xxiiij^{to}.

Super admissione T. de Silesthorn.

Same day.

cvij. b. 3.—ij Idus Octobris A.D. supradicto, Magister Guilfridus de Gropo S. Petri, canonicus et Præbendarius præbendæ S. Michaelis, præsentavit Dominum Thomam de Siglesthorn, capellanum, ad vicariam præbendæ suæ vacantem per canonicam amotionem Domini Willelmi de Melton, olim vicarii ejusdem;

Presentation of Th. of Sigglesthorn by Mr. Wilfrid de Gropo S. Petri to vicarage vacant by amoval of Wm. of Melton;

Qui admissus fuit modo consueto et installatus fuit per

Admission and installation by

Chamberlain, and assignment of place in Refectory and Dormitory by Wm. of Swine, co-vicar.

Camerarium, et assignata fuerunt sibi loca sua in refectorio et dormitorio per Dominum Willelmum de Swyna, convicarium suum; similiter et inductus in corporalem possessionem dictæ vicariæ cum suis juribus et pertinentiis, de mandato Capituli, Magistro Dionisio Avenel et dicto Guilfredo Capitulum repræsentantibus una cum Auditore; et habet litteram super admissione institutione et inductione in forma quæ sequitur.*

Resignatio T. de Grimesby.

1324. 22 Oct. Th. of Grimsby, vicar of S. Stephen's prebend, appeared in Chapter before Mr. H. of Carlton, prebendary of the same prebend, and the Assessor, and resigned.

cvij. b. 3.—xj Kalendas Novembris A.D. supradicto: Dominus Thomas de Grimesby, vicarius præbendæ S. Stephani comparuit in Capitulo, Magistro Henrico de Carleton dictæ præbendæ præbendario præsente, una cum Auditore Capitulum faciente, et vicariam suam cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis in manus Capituli pure, sponte et simpliciter resignavit;

The same day repented, and on the intervention of his fellow vicars [was readmitted].

Qua admissa eodem die resignationis suæ supra factæ plurimum pœnitebat, et per interventionem sociorum et de benignitate *

Super inductione in corporalem possessionem vicarii. Hornese.

1324. 18 Dec, Letters Patent of Chapter.

On letter of Mr. Robt. of Pickering, testifying to the admission of John of Hornsea as perpetual vicar of S. Martin's prebend.

cvj. b.—Universis pateat per præsentes quod Nos Capitulum [etc.] litteras reverendi et discreti viri Magistri Roberti de Pikering, concanonici et confratris nostri recepimus tenorem continens infrascriptum.

Reverendis viris [etc.] ut supra in xxx^{mo} folio de admissione Johannis de Hornese.

Harum igitur virtute litterarum dictum Dominum Johannem ad dictam vicariam admisimus, et instituimus perpetuum vicarium canonice in eadem, et ipsum, assignato sibi stallo in choro ac omnibus aliis debitis et consuetis in hac parte plenius observatis, prout consuetudo ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ exigit et requirit, in possessionem dictæ vicariæ cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis induximus corporalem.

In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum.

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* f. cviij and cix. are unfortunately torn out.

Datis Beverlaci xviij^{vo} die Decembris A.D. supradicto, sicut in littera præsentationis.

*Otringham : super inductione ad possessionem.**

129$\frac{1}{2}$.
17 Jan.
Admission of Hugh of Ottringham to vicarage of prebend of Canon Charles of Beaumont.

ccxl. b. 2.—Universis pateat per præsentes quod Nos Capitulum [etc.] ad præsentationem reverendi et discreti viri Magistri [*MS. stained*] de Bellomonte, Concanonici et confratris nostri, Hugonem de Otringham [*MS. stained*] ad vicariam præbendæ suæ in ecclesia memorata vacantem ad [*MS. stained*] [intelleximus] perpetuum vicarium canonice in eadem, et ipsum assignato sibi stallo [*MS. stained*] debitis . . . . . . in hac parte plenius observatis, prout consuetudo [*MS. stained*] in corporalem possessionem dictæ vicariæ cum suis juribus et [*MS. stained*].

In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum præsentibus est [MS. stained] Antonii Confessoris A.D. m^{o} duodecimo xcj^{o}.

Decano Lincolniensi pro quæstu.

132$\frac{4}{5}$.
24 Feb.
Chapter to Dean and Chapter of Lincoln.

ccxlj. 2.—Viris venerabilibus et discretis Dominis Henrico Decano et Capitulo ecclesiæ Beatæ Mariæ Lincolniensi Humile et devotum Capitulum [etc. Letter on behalf of R^{d} son of Laurence Monechaunte, clerk, collector in Lincoln diocese.] Die S. Mathiæ Apostoli.

Episcopo Lincolniensi pro quæstu.

ccxlj. b. 1.—Letter to same effect as last.

Same day.
Chapter to Bishop of Lincoln.

Th. Grimesby.

132$\frac{4}{5}$.
Th. of Grimsby, Vicar, summoned for adultery.

ccxlj. b 2.—

. . . . Dominus Thomas de Grimsby vicarius
. . . . coram venerabilis Capituli ecclesiæ
. . . . borantem super crimine adulterii
. . . . fornicatione cum Matilda de Bautre
. . . . fuisset legitime evocatus: Idem Dominus
. . . . forma vocationis sibi factæ de hujusmodi
. . . . nem offerens cum effectu

Put to purgation.

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* This seems to have been written here as a precedent for the last document.

purges himself, is restored to good fame,

. . . . nem fecit. Propter quod ipsum bonæ [suæ famæ pristinæ] restituimus per decretum. In cujus [rei testimonium] sentibus est appensum. Datis Beverlaci . . . . ccc^{mo}xxiiij^{o}.

Clerici missi ad ordines.

132$\frac{4}{5}$. 23 March. Orders.

2 acolytes.
4 sub-deacons.
3 deacons.
3 priests.

ccxlij.—Venerabili [etc.]. J. de Anlaghby et Hugo de Humbelton ad ordinem acolitus.

Willelmus de Leven	ad ordinem subdiaconatus.
W. de Ketby	
Symon de Garton	
W. de Multhorp	
Galfridus de Barun	„ diaconatus.
J. de Baynton	
W. de Swyn	
J. de Patrington	„ presbiteratus.
Amandus de Fitling	
Thomas de Halsam	

Datis Beverlaci x Kalendas Aprilis A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo}xxiiij.^{to}.

Articles by Archbishop against Chapter.

1325.

cx.— . . . . * et juxta exigentiam juris communis neque constitutionis seu ordinationis prædictarum: Licet de consensu unanimi omnium et singulorum tunc Canonicorum dictæ ecclesiæ, ac ad submissionem et requissitionem eorundem et eorum cujuslibet dicta ordinatio procedebat.

Canons share in daily distributions of the Bedern, viz.: eatables and drinkables, every day though absent not only from the Minster but the town, against common law and a special statute.

Hiis non contenti dicti canonici, ut prædicitur, absentes et nullatenus residentes, cotidianas distributiones a Bederna, videlicet esculenta sua et poculenta non modica, pro sustentatione sua et suorum singulis diebus, etiam quibus absentes fuerint tam a dicta ecclesia quam villa Beverlacensi, nec aliquibus horis canonicis interfuerint in ecclesia antedicta, exegerunt, exigi procurarunt et fecerunt, ac per multa retroacta tempora perceperunt, contra formam vim et effectum tam juris communis quam cujuslibet constitutionis super eis editæ, et scienter, ut videtur, non absque contemptu canonum, ac statuentium et ordinantium jus et constitutiones prædictas.

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* The preceding page has been torn out.

Quodque iidem Canonici et præbendarii habentes præbendas suas, videlicet, portiones ecclesiæ Beverlacensis dudum parochialis, subsequenter in diversas præbendas et portiones divisas ac ut videtur non modicam curam animarum obtinentes; parochianosque degentes, quosdam etiam quamplures in remotis et locis valde distantibus ab ecclesia Beverlacensi prædicta, et curam animarum eorundem parochianorum annexam in quibus non habent nec habuerunt suis temporibus perpetuos vicarios institutos auctoritate ordinaria neque sufficienti, excepto præbendario altaris Beati Martini; quæ cura per vicarios stallorum in choro dictæ ecclesiæ Beverlacensis competenter geri non potuit, neque poterit quoquomodo, obstante perplexitate seu facti incompossibilitate, videlicet, attenta magna locorum distantia, et quod idem vicarii stallorum ex constitutione, fundatione et ordinatione ac consuetudine ejusdem ecclesiæ omnibus et singulis horis canonicis ac missis et aliis divinis officiis in eadem personaliter interesse tenentur et tenebantur, ac etiam consueverunt, et nihilominus prædicti Canonici et præbendarii ut prædicitur personaliter residere consueverunt.

The Canons and prebendaries having prebends, *i.e.* portions in the church of Beverley formerly a parish church, afterwards divided into prebends, with no small cure of souls, some of them far from Beverley, have no Vicars instituted by the ordinary or other sufficient authority, except the Prebendary of S. Martin's altar.

Yet the stall vicars cannot possibly attend to the parishioners, by reason of the distance and impossibility of being in two places at once.

Et quod iidem canonici et præbendarii singuli prætendentes eis competere jus percipiendi diversas travas diversorum bladorum de singulis carucatis terræ, seu carucis, ut dicitur, divisim infra Archidiaconatum Estriding nostræ diocœsis exigunt, et exegerunt, a manibus laicorum, et per manus eorundem laicorum parochianorum indifferenter quarumlibet ecclesiarum, infra quarum parochias et a quibus eas deberi asserunt de decimis ipsis ecclesiis debitis subtrahendas et deducendas, et per manus eorundem laicorum percipiendas, et canonicis et præbendariis prædictis sic solvendas: Licet de jure præmissa exactio et perceptio intollerabiles videantur, nec de consuetudine introduci poterit quovismodo, potissime, ut prædicitur, per manus laicorum. cum consuetudo dici non poterit sed potius corruptela in grave periculum animarum prædictorum, ut prædicitur, delinquentium et in nostri officii pastoralis et curiæ præjudicium manifestum.

The Canons and prebendaries pretend that they may take certain thraves from each plough land or plough in the Eastriding from the laity and by the laity from every parish, and to take them even from the tithes due to the parish churches though such an exaction seems by law intolerable, and not capable of being the subject of custom, rather of corruption.

cx. b.—Super quibus etiam laborat puplica vox et fama, immo sunt puplica notoria et manifesta, ac super hiis grave scandalum est exortum et de graviore timetur verisimiliter, nisi aponatur celeriter remedium oportunum.

Hence grave scandal.

Et quod singuli canonici præbendarii in quoscunque

The Canons and prebendaries also

exercise and claim spiritual jurisdiction, including suspension, excommunication, and absolution, over all their tenants and parishioners.

tenentes et parochianos suos, degentes in suis præbendis seu portionibus antedictis, exercuerunt, et se exercere posse et debere vendicant seu prætendunt, jurisdictionem spiritualem, congnoscendo, suspendendo, excommunicando, absolvendo etiam in foro contentioso et judiciali contra jura communia, et in dictorum parochianorum periculum animarum.

Responsiones ad articulos prædictos.

Chapter to Abp. Wm. Melton.

Answers to articles at Visitation.

cx. b. 2.—Pater Reverende, ad reformationem, si placet, pro vestra conscientia servanda, clerici vestri, Præbendarii et Canonici vestræ Beverlacensis ecclesiæ ad articulos in Visitatione vestra compertos dicunt, cum reverentia quæ decet,

Videlicet;

1. As to Residence. By common law, since they have perpetual priest-vicars they are excused.

Ad primum; ubi tangitur de residentia, de jure communi videtur eis ex quo habent vicarios perpetuos et sacerdotes, quod de residentia excusantur.

As to Abp. J. the Roman's Ordinance it was altered by Abp. W. Greenfield's,

and the Residentiary Canons reside accordingly:

which should suffice, it seems.

Quantum ad aliam partem in eodem articulo, de constitutione et ordinatione bonæ memoriæ Johannis, nuper Eboracensis Archiepiscopi, Angliæ primatis, dicunt, ipsam constitutionem seu ordinationem per piæ memoriæ Willelmum de Grenfeld, Eboracensem Archiepiscopum, et vestrum prædecessorem immediatum, moderatam esse sicut manifeste liquere poterit per statutum et ordinationem ejusdem; et secundum moderationem illam, virtutem et effectum ejusdem, Canonici Residentes in ecclesia resident memorata et hoc debet sufficere, ut videtur.

2. Two points; (1) that those absent sometimes far away, (2) those never resident at all, receive daily distribution, viz. food and drink, from the Bedern.

Item, quantum ad secundum articulum, continentem in se duo; quod absentes, et quandoque longe, et nullatenus residentes cotidianas distributiones a Bederna, scilicet esculenta et poculenta, singulis diebus percipiunt.

Answer is, these are not daily distributions, as you call them, but are properly called corrodies and are the corpus of the prebends.

So much so that Abp. Wm. Green-

Respondent quod illa poculenta et esculenta, quæ cotidianas appellastis distributiones, vere dicuntur corrodia, et sunt de corporibus præbendarum suarum, et, salva reverentia, non sunt distributiones cotidianæ tales de quibus jura faciunt mentionem, ut non debeantur absentibus, vel etiam præsentibus nisi intersint horis canonicis. Et præterea dictus prædecessor vester Willelmus sectionem hujusmodi portionum, quæ corrodia appellantur, contra Concilium Turonense factam, præbendis suis omnino redintegrari voluit et adjungi, forma residentiæ per dictum prædecessorem vestrum Johannem ordinata nullatenus obsistente; Ita ut singuli Canonici singula corrodia ad præbendas suas spectantia tam absentes integraliter percipiant quam præsentes.

field thought the partition of these corrodies contrary to the Council of Tours, and ordered them to be restored whole, and received by every Canon present or absent.

Item ad tertium articulum, quod habent vicarios perpetuos auctoritate sufficienti, viz. singulos vicarios per singulos canonicos præsentatos Capitulo, et per Capitulum admissos, et perpetuos vicarios institutos, curamque vicariarum, et animarum ad ipsas vicarias spectantium, traditas eisdem, et sic observatum est, et fuit, pacifice et inconcusse scientibus et tollerantibus prædecessoribus vestris a tempore, et citra, cujus contrarii memoria non existit.

3. They have sufficient vicars, viz. each Canon one, duly presented to the Chapter; having cure of vicarages and of the souls belonging to them.

Quantum autem ad id, quod dicitur in eodem articulo, obstante perplexitate sive facti incompossibilitate, attenta magna locorum distantia, etc.;

As to the impossibility of serving the cures, arising from the distances of the places;

Dicunt, quod parochiani singularum præbendarum veniunt ad altaria sua in ecclesia Beverlacensi præbendis suis assignata, et ibi recipiunt omnia sacramenta et sacramentalia, præterquam in casu infirmitatis, senectutis vel debilitatis, et tunc accedunt vicarii ad parochianos illos, ubi degunt, pro sacramentis pœnitentiæ et eukaristiæ ministrandis eisdem. Et nichilominus quilibet Canonicus habet unum clericum pro stallo suo, cui dat certam mercedem in adjutorium et supplementum obsequii ecclesiæ.

Et hæc ad articulum sufficere debent ut videtur.

Answer: The parishioners come to their several prebendal altars in the Minster for sacraments; and, in cases of age or sickness the Vicars go to the parishioners to administer penance and the Eucharist. Besides this each Canon has a clerk for his stall at fixed wages, to help the service of the church.

Item quoad articulum de Travis,

Dicunt quod jam faciunt convocationem specialem ad tempus in brevi venturum et de travis tractabunt. Et post tractatum, vobiscum, pater reverende, si placet, secretius voluerint vobiscum loqui, quia vos estis patronus præbendarum.

4. As to Thraves, they are going shortly to have a special Convocation, after which they wish to confer privately with you as the Patron of the prebends.

Ad ultimum articulum de jurisdictione spirituali, salva vestra reverentia, dicunt canonici nunc præsentes, quod nullum in parochianos suos jurisdictionem vendicant spiritualem, set in suos tenentes et residentes bene vendicant jurisdictionem spiritualem, et exercent, cognoscendo, suspendendo, excommunicando et absolvendo, etiam ut in foro contentioso et judiciali, et jurisdictionem temporalem, ac

5. As to spiritual jurisdiction, they claim none over their parishioners; but over their tenants and residents they rightly claim and exercise it; and temporal jurisdiciton as well; both that which is mixed and

merely temporal: as Infangthief, Outfangthief, and others.

vero ea quæ sunt mixti et meri imperii, ut puta, infangtheft (*sic*) outfangthef, et alia.

And for these rights they make claim before Justices in Eyre.

Et de hiis et aliis faciunt suum clamium in itinere justiciariorum.

6. As to that which is said to have been discovered at your Visitation; that S. John's shrine is moved from the altar for 4 or 5 days at Rogation time.

Item, ad hoc quod dicitur compertum in vestra Visitatione, viz. Feretrum S. Johannis amotum esse ab altare per quatuor dies, vel quinque, temporibus Rogationum;

Answer: They do only what has been done from time immemorial.

Dicunt quod nulla est facta mutatio de novo seu innovato, sed eodem modo et per omnia observatur in præsentia, et non aliter, quam servabatur a tempore cujus contrarii memoria non existit.

Wherefore as regards the articles aforesaid they ask you to let them depart in peace.

Unde supplicant vestræ paternitati reverendæ extra judicialiter humiliter et devote, quatinus dignetur super præmissis articulis vestris favorabiliter eos dimittere in pace, et statum eorum paterna clementia tollerare.

As to the Clerks of the Bearskin they show the Ordinance of Abp. John the Roman; and considering it, ask you to preserve the authority of the Canons undiminished.

Item quantum ad Clericos de Berefellis ostendunt vobis ordinationem bonæ memoriæ Johannis, supplicantes ut, pensata ordinatione hujusmodi et ponderato tenore suorum juramentorum in admissione eorundem præstitorum, placeat vobis beningne potestatem sive auctoritatem vestrorum Canonicorum servare illæsam, ut sic per eosdem clericos ecclesiæ vestræ Beverlacensi melius serviatur.

[*Citatio super compertis in Visitatione.*]

1325.
27 March.
Abp. Wm. Melton to Chapter.

cxij. 3.—Willelmus permissione divina [etc.] dilectis filiis Capitulo [etc.].

Summon Canons W. de Gropo, Hy. of Carlton, and 6 Vicars named. for next law day after Trinity Sunday to answer J. the porter and W. Bowett, on certain articles found at the Visitation.

Citetis peremptorie Magistros Guilfredum de Gropo, Henricum de Carlton, canonicos, Dominos Alanum de Humbelton, Johannem de Hornse, Thomam de Syghlestorn, R. de eadem, Johannem de Risindon et Thomam de Grymmesby, vicarios [etc.] quod compareant coram nobis proximo die juridico post festum S. Trinitatis proximo futurum, ubicunque tunc fuerimus in nostra diocœsi, Johanni le Porter et Willelmo Bunet super quibusdam articulis in visitatione nostra quam ibidem ultimo exercuimus compertis, divisim responsuros, facturus ulterius et recepturus quod justitia suadebit.

Et nos de citatione sic facta, ac omni eo quod feceritis in præmissis, citra dictum diem certificetis distincte et aperte per vestras litteras patentes, harum seriem continentes. Valete.

Datis apud Burton juxta Beverlacum vj Kalendas Aprilis A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo} xx^{mo} quinto, et Pontificatus nostri octavo.

Præsentatio capellæ de Mollscroft.

1325.
28 March.
Chapter to Abp. Wm. Melton.

Presentation of Wm Wright of Ottringham to chantry of Molescroft, ordained by Abp. on nomination of Roger Ingelberd of Beverley.

cxj. b. 2.—Venerabili in Christo patri domino Domino Willelmo, Dei gratia [etc.], Capitulum [etc.].

Ad cantariam Beatæ Mariæ de Molscroft per vos, ut dicitur, ordinatam Dilectum nobis in Christo Dominum Willelmum Wrigth de Otringham, in ordine sacerdotali constitutum, nobis per Rogerum Ingelberd de Beverlaco nominatum, Vestræ paternitati reverendæ secundum ordinationem vestram prædictam præsentamus, supplicantes humiliter et devote quatinus ipsum ad dictam Cantariam dingnemini admittere et capellanum instituere in eadem, salvo jure ecclesiæ Beverlacensis et præbendarum ejusdem.

Valeat vestra paternitas reverenda per tempora prospera et longæva.

Datis Beverlaci v^{to} Kalendas Aprilis A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo} xxv^{to}.

Nominatio.

132$\frac{4}{5}$.
21 March.
Roger Ingelberd of Beverley to Chapter.

Nomination of W. Wright of Ottringham.

Venerabili Capitulo [etc.] vel ipsius vices gerenti, Rogerus Ingelberd de Beverlaco se ipsum cum omni reverentia et honore.

Willelmum Wright de Otringham capellanum latorem præsentium in ordine sacerdotali constitutum, virum utique honestum et ydoneum, nomino vobis præsentandum venerabili patri ac domino, Domino Willelmo, Dei gratia [etc.], ad perpetuam cantariam capellæ Beatæ Mariæ virginis de Molskroft per ipsum venerabilem patrem juxta ordinationem suam factam in hac parte admittendum.

In cujus rei testimonium sigillum meum præsentibus est appensum.

Datis apud Beverlacum xij Kalendas Aprilis A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo} xxv^{o}.*

Quæ quidem littera est inter litteras præsentatorias vicariorum.

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* This seems to be a mistake for xxiv.

De capellano capellæ.

1325.
21 April.
W. Wright of Ottringham of Molescroft appeared to take oath of fealty to Chapter in respect of Molescroft Chapel according to the Archbishop's Ordinance.

ccxlij. 2.—xi Kalendas Maii A.D. supradicto, Dominus Willelmus Wrigthe de Otringham de Molscroft, capellanus capellæ de Molscroft, comparuit coram venerabili viro Magistro [Benedicto] de Paston, canonico ecclesiæ [etc.], et Auditore dictæ ecclesiæ (*MS. stained*), Thoma de Harpham et Willelmo de Tenelby, offerens se (*MS. stained*) juramentum Capitulo secundum ordinationem venerabilis patris (*MS. stained*) de dicta cantariam factam :

Matter postponed for production of Ordinance :

Et quia dictam ordinationem (*MS. stained*) dicti Magister Benedictus et Auditor assignaverunt, (. . . proxime sequentem ad exhibendum et ostendendum dictam . . . vim formam et effectum ipsius quod juris fuerit.

produced, and oath taken.

Comparuit coram Capitulo Magistro . . . Capitulum repræsentantibus et jura . . . . exhibuit, præstitit inspectis.

Procuratorium.

1325.
23 April.
Letters Patent of Chapter.

Appointing Mr. W. of Hunmanby proctor in all ecclesiastical causes.

ccxlij. b.—Universis pateat per præsentes quod Nos Capitulum [etc.] in omnibus et singulis causis et negotiis, querelis et quæstionibus et articulis motis vel movendis, per nos vel contra nos coram quibuscunque judicialibus competentibus qualemcunque notitiam habentibus, sive ad partis vel partium instantiam sive ex officio procedentibus quibuscunque die et loco, Dilectum nobis in Christo Magistrum Willelmum de Hunmanby, clericum, præsentium exhibitorem, nostrum facimus, ordinamus et constituimus verum et legitimum procuratorem ;

Dantes eidem [etc.].

Datis Beverlaci ix Kalendas Maii A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo}xx^{mo} quinto.

A.D. m^{o}ccc^{o}xxv^{o} Acta in convocatione.

1325.
29 April.
Convocation.

xvj.—Celebrata penultimo die mensis Aprilis A.D. millesimo ccc^{o}xxv^{to}.

7 Canons present, and Huggate by proxy.

Præsentibus in eadem Magistro Roberto de Pikering, Henrico de Carlton, Dionisio Avenel, Benedicto de Paston, Gilfrido de Gropo Sancti Petri, Roberto de Northburgh, et Domino Willelmo de Sothill, Canonicis, et Domino Nicholao de Hugat per Magistrum Alanum de Cotham.

In primis, habito tractatu de juribus consuetudinibus et libertatibus ecclesiæ, habitis etiam inspectione cartarum et munimentorum hujus ecclesiæ pro continuatione jurium, consuetudinum et libertatum, concesserunt decimam prebendarum suarum necnon a portione Sacristæ; et collecta fuit et liberata Domino Willelmo de Sothill pro negotiis ecclesiæ expediendis in curia Domini Regis, prout inferius liquere poterit, et missæ fuerunt litteræ personis infrascriptis.

A tenth of the prebends granted for the defence of the rights, liberties, and customs of the Church, and collected and given to William of Soothill for his business in the court of King's Bench.

Letters sent as under.

Littera credentiæ.

Magnæ reverentiæ viro Domino W. de Aerminne Canonico Eboracensi, nostro confidenti amico, Capitulum ecclesiæ Beati Johannis Beverlacensis, Salutem et honoris cumulum in sinceris amplexibus Salvatoris;

To W. of Ayrmin, Canon of York.

De multis et variis beneficiis nobis et ecclesiæ nostræ Sancti Johannis per vos hactenus liberaliter impensis, et futuris temporibus prout speramus, impendendis, gratias vobis referimus quantum scimus et quia de vestræ solitæ bonitatis continuatione fiduciam gerimus specialem, vestræ dominationis amicitiam attente rogamus, quatinus in negotiis nos et ecclesiam nostram concernentibus per Dominum W. de Sothill, concanonicum et confratrem nostrum, vobis si placet viva voce exponendis efficax consilium impendere, et ut feliciter expediatur, manus adjutrices apponere dignemini graciose;

We are as grateful as we know how for past benefits, and relying on their continuance ask your lordship to help W. of Soothill, our fellow canon in matters he will explain *vivâ voce.*

Tantum, si placet, inde facientes, ut gloriosissimi confessoris nostri Beati Johannis merita in agendis singulis vos eo prætextu volumus committentur, et nos ea occasione vobis et vestris artius astringamur in futurum.

Doing our best in return that the merits of our glorious Confessor, John, may be imputed to you, and we more closely bound to you in future.

Valete in Domino Christo et matre ejus Virgine gloriosa.

Datis Beverlaci iij Nonas Maii A.D. supradicto.

5 May, 1325.

Littera credentiæ.

1325.
5 May.
To Robert of Baldock, Archdeacon of Sussex, and Chancellor of the King.

xvi. 3.—Magnæ discretionis viro Magistro Roberto de Baldok,* Archidiacono Suthsex, et Serenissimi Principis Domini nostri Regis Angliæ Cancellario, nostro confidenti amico, Capitulum ecclesiæ Beati Johanis Beverlacensis, Salutem et honoris cumulum in sinceris amplexibus Salvatoris.

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* He was afterwards Dean of St. Paul's and Bishop of London.

To same effect as last letter.

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Valete in Domino Christo et matre ejus Virgine gloriosa.

Datis Beverlaci iiij Nonas Maii A.D. supradicto.

Littera credentiæ.

A.D. m°ccc°xxv^{to}.

1325. 5 May. Chapter to Roger, Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield.

xvi. b. 1.—Venerabili in Christo patri et domino, Domino Rogero,* Dei gratia, Conventrensi et Lichfeldensi Episcopo, Capitulum ecclesiæ Beati Johannis Beverlacensis, Salutem, reverentiam, et honorem debitum tanto patri pariter et devote [etc. verbatim as to the others].

10 marks borrowed and given to Sothill: the loan to be raised by a levy of 9d. in the £ on each prebend and the Sacrist's portion.

xvi. b. 2.—Item in eadem Convocatione receptæ fuerunt decem marcæ ex mutuo, et liberatæ dicto Domino Willelmo pro negotiis ecclesiæ expediendis ut supra; ad quarum solutionem faciendam levabantur de singulis† libris singularum prebendarum et portionis Sacristæ ix^{d}.

Clerici Ecclesiæ Beatæ Mariæ.

The clerks in St. Mary's

Item, in eadem convocatione consensum fuit unanimiter quod iiij^{or} clerici ministraturi in ecclesia Beatæ Mariæ Capitulo præsententur, et si ydonei inventi fuerint admittantur, et ad suos ordines ut clerici chori, per Capitulum præsententur, et ut clerici habeantur sicut aliquando præteritis temporibus extiterunt.

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* Roger de Northburgh, who had been Canon of Beverley until his collation to the Bishopric of Coventry and Lichfield.

† This is an interesting entry as showing the total income of the Canons and Treasurer; viz., £177 odd, a sum equal to at least £3,540 of our money; no bad amount to divide amongst ten people, most of whom had other emoluments of equal, or as in the case of Pickering, Dean of York, of far greater value.

Church to be presented to and admitted by the Chapter like the clerks of the choir.

Homagium Domini Willelmi de Tweng.

1325.
14 May.
Sir Wm. Thweng, Kt., acknowledged that he held the Manor of Octonholme, parish of Leven, from Chapter, by homage and rent of 1 mark a year;

cxij. 1. ij. Idus Maii A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo} vicesimo quinto Dominus Willelmus de Tweng, miles, comparuit in Capitulo [etc.], Magistris Henrico de Carlton, Dionisio Avenel, Benedicto de Paston et Guilfrido de Gropo S. Petri tunc ipsum Capitulum repræsentantibus, recognovit se tenere de dicto Capitulo manerium suum de Hoctonholm in parochia de Leven cum omnibus suis juribus et pertinentiis, pro homagio suo; reddendo inde annuatim eidem Capitulo j marcam in die Nativitatis S. Johannis Baptistæ pro omnimodis sæcularibus servitiis etc.;

Factaque recongnitione præmissa fecit homagium suum in manu dicti Magistri Henrici, ad hoc per ipsum Capitulum specialiter deputati, in forma debita et etiam consueta; factoque homagio suo fatebatur se juramentum fidelitatis in forma debita antea legitime præstitisse.

and did homage to Mr. H. of Carlton for the Chapter,

and acknowledged the oath of fealty.

Acquietancia expensarum.

1325.
21 May.
J. of Risindon, Chamberlain to N. of Huggate, Prebendary of S. James' altar.

cxij. 2.—Universis pateat per præsentes quod Ego Johannes de Risindon, Camerarius ecclesiæ [etc.], decimæ præbendarum dictæ ecclesiæ et portionis Sacristæ, necnon et ix.d. de qualibet libra, dictarum præbendarum et portionis in Convocatione ultimo celebrata pro certis negotiis ecclesiæ expediendis concessorum, necnon expensarum circa communia negotia ecclesiæ a festo Ascensionis dominicæ A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo}xxiiij^{to} usque ad idem festum anno revoluto collector specialiter deputatus, de reverendo viro Domino Nicholao de Hugate, canonico et præbendario præbendæ S. Jacobi in ecclesia memorata, per manus Willelmi de Hugate procuratoris sui, videlicet, pro decima dictæ præbendæ quinquaginta duos^{s}, pro novem^{d} de qualibet libra dictæ præbendæ decem et novem^{s} sex^{d}, pro communibus expensis prædictis sex^{s} quinque^{d} et quadrantem; de qua quidem pecunia fateor mihi esse plenarie satisfactum.

Receipt for tenth, 52s. 9d.; 9d. in £, 19s. 6d.; share of common expenses, 6s. 5¼d.

In cujus rei testimonium sigillum meum præsentibus est appensum.

Datis Beverlaci xij Kalendas Junii A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo}xx quinto.

Procuratorium.

1325. 30 May. Appointment by Canon H. of Carlton of John of York as his proctor in all ecclesiastical courts in all matters touching himself and his prebend of S. Stephen in the Minster.

cxij. b. 1.—Pateat universis per præsentes quod ego, Henricus de Carlton, canonicus ecclesiæ [etc.] ac præbendarius præbendæ S. Stephani in eadem,

In omnibus causis et negotiis personam meam seu præbendam meam prædictam qualitercunque contingentibus, ex officio vel ad partis instantiam motis seu movendis, coram quibuscunque judicibus ordinariis delegatis, eorumve commissariis, aut aliis qualemcunque jurisdictionem seu vocationem habentibus vel etiam habituris quibuscunque diebus et locis, quotiens me adesse contigerit vel abesse, Dilectum mihi in Christo Johannem de Eboraco, clericum, exhibitorem præsentium, procuratorem meum verum et legitimum, ordino facio et constituo per præsentes.

Dans eidem [etc.].

In cujus rei testimonium, quia sigillum meum plerisque est incognitum, sigillum Venerabilis Capituli [etc.] apponi præsentibus procuravi.

Datis Beverlaci iij^{o} Kalendas Junii A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo} vicesimo quinto.

Procuratorium.

1325. 30 May. Appointment by 6 Vicars of Minster of John of York as proctor in all ecclesiastical courts concerning them or any of them and their vicarages.

cxij. b. 2.—Noverint universi quod Nos Alanus de Humbelton, Johannes de Hornse, Thomas de Grymmesby, Thomas de Siglestorne, Robertus de Syllestorn, et Johannes de Risindon, vicarii ecclesiæ [etc.] in omnibus causis et negotiis nos vel aliquem nostrum seu vicarias nostras vel alicujus nostrum communiter vel divisim qualitercunque tangentibus ex officio vel ad instantiam partis [etc., as in last], Dilectum nobis in Christo Johannem de Eboraco [etc., as in last].

In cujus rei testimonium sigillum Venerabilis Capituli Beati Johannis prædicti procuravimus hiis apponi.

Datis Beverlaci iij Kalendas Junii A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo} vicesimo quinto.

Per W. de Suthill.

xvij.—Reverendis viris, et discretis amicis et confratribus suis carissimis, Venerabili Capitulo Beverlacensi eorum Concanonicus humilis et confrater, Willelmus de Suthill, Quicquid possit affectio.

1325.
6 June.

W. of Soothill to the Chapter.

Diligenter habito consilio et tractatu cum Domino Willelmo de Herlaston, et Domino Johanne de Crosseby, cui promissum erat in ecclesia Beverlacensi de prima prebenda vacatura per Præpositum, Willelmo de Denum, et aliis narratoribus, petitiones ecclesiæ nostræ Beverlacensis proposui coram Cancellario Domini Regis; quia ad ipsum Regem mihi non patebat accessus, et si patuisset, mihi relatum fuit per eosdem quod me ad Cancellarium remisisset; Unde, proposita coram eo petitione super travas, statim mihi respondit, quod nullo modo concederet mihi breve contra detentores earum, antequam discutiatur in Parliamento cujusmodi breve super hiis fuerit concedendum, asserens nos abuti privilegio nobis in hac parte concesso, quia percepimus travas antequam decima persolvatur, contra mentem donatorum qui non intendebant decimis aliqualiter derogare: Et ex alia parte, quia percepimus travas de carucis arantibus per iiij^{or} vel quinque dies contra intentionem, ut asseruit, donatorum; et istam informationem habuit de germano suo, qui fuit Rector Ecclesiæ de Welton, et aliis singulis Rectoribus, qui contra nos sunt inflammati hac de causa. Et ita mihi respondit in consilio coram Dominis Exoniensi et Wyntoniensi Episcopis et Willelmo de Bareford et Galfrido le Scrope, Justiciariis, breve vero super libertatibus nostris mihi concessit in forma, quam vobis mitto, præsentibus interclusa. Nec adhibuit fidem tenori cartæ quam ei ostendi nisi originalem videret.

After diligent consultation with Wm. of Harlaston, John of Crosby, who was promised the first prebend vacant at Beverley, and William of Denham and other counsel of the Chapter, I stated the matter to the Chancellor as I could not get access to the King.

He immediately answered he would grant no writ till it had been discussed in Parliament what writ should go, as we had exceeded our rights in taking thraves before tithes were paid, and from ploughs only working 4 or 5 days, against the donors' intention.

This information he had from his brother, formerly Rector of Welton.

This answer was given in Council in the presence of the Bishops of Winchester and Exeter, and William of Berford and Geoffrey Scrope, Justices.

He granted a writ as to our liberties in the form enclosed.

He would give no credit to our charter, which I showed, without seeing the original.

De illis autem, quibus fuit scriptum per Capitulum nostrum, viz., Episcopo Cestrensi, Willelmo de Ayermymne et Magistro Henrico de Cliff, non fuit aliquis præsens in Curia in adventu meo nec usque in diem præsentem. Intellexi tamen quod Dominus Willelmus ad civitatem infra triduum de transmarinis partibus erat venturus. Et dicunt Justiciarii et narratores et supportores de Cancellario, seorsum tamen et secrete, quod Cancellarius nobis injuriatur; unde si volueritis quod ego expectem Parliamentum, propositurus negotium istud per petitionem, vel quod ad vos redeam, mihi signare velitis quam tocius per præsentium portatorem.

None of those written to by the Chapter were present; but I heard that William of Ayrmin was coming from abroad in 3 days. The Justices and counsel say privately that the Chancellor blames us. So if you wish me to await Parliament or return, let me know by bearer. S. Paul's, 6 June.

In Christo Jesu perpetuo et feliciter valeatis.

Sancti Pauli London isto die Jovis proximo post festum Sanctæ Trinitatis.

Responsum.

1325. 12 June. The Chapter to Canon W. Soothill.

Capitulum ecclesiæ Beati Johannis Beverlacensis Reverendo et discreto viro Domino Willelmo de Suthill, Concanonico et confratri nostro, Salutem et fraternitatem in Domino caritatis.

Your letter arrived at 6 a.m. on Monday, 10 June. Better stop for Parliament.

We will send you the original charter.

The writ, a copy of which you enclose, seems very defective, as the notes on the back will show. Get it amended, but as we are ignorant of the custom of the Court use your discretion.

Visis literis vestris, quas die * Lunæ ultimo præterito hora prima recepimus, super contentis in eisdem deliberavimus et, communicato consilio fratrum, sentimus potius expedire Parliamentum expectare quam turbato, ut scribitus, negotio ad nos remeare. Et ad tollendam hesitationem Domini Cancellarii, nolentis fidem transcripto sigillo regio signato adhibere, nisi originalem videantur, intendimus mittere vobis ipsam originalem citra diem. Ad hoc, carissime frater, videtur nobis quod breve regium, cujus transcriptum nobis per vos missum vobis remittimus præsentibus interclusum, sit in multis defectivum, prout in dorso ejusdem transcripti clarius poterit intueri; unde ad defectus hujusmodi reparandos, manus pro viribus extendatis. Hoc tamen scribimus ignari consuetudinis Curiæ illius et, idcirco, hoc vestræ discretionis sollicitudini committimus. Quod autem imponitur nobis, prout scribitis, de perceptione travarum et modo percipiendi satis satis respondere "Sine, quod eisdem temporibus et modis, quibus percipi consueverant quadragintos annos et amplius a tempore, viz. felicis recordationis Adelstani regis, dictarum travarum donatoris, et non aliter percipimus, nec aliquid petere intendimus quod sit novum, sed prout fieri consueverat in juribus ecclesiæ nostræ antiquis, hiis præcipue quæ ex munificentiis regiis obtinemus, juvari, protegi et tueri."

As to the charges about our collection of thraves it will be enough to answer. "Suffer us to take the thraves as they have been taken for 400 years and upwards, viz. from the time of King Athelstan of happy memory: we ask for nothing new; but to be protected in the ancient rights of our Church, those especially which we have from the bounty of Kings."

Valeat vestra fraternitas reverenda in Domino Jesu Christo.

Datis Beverlaci xij die mensis Junii mane. A.D. m°ccc°xxv^{to}.

Dated early in the morning of 12th June.

1325. 20 June. Chapter to W. of Soothill.

xvii. b. 2.—Capitulum Ecclesiæ Beati Johannis Beverlacensis Reverendo et discreto viro Domino W. de Sothill, concanonico et confratri, Salutem et fraternam in Domino caritatem.

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* This shows no bad post. A letter written in London on Thursday is delivered at Beverley the following Monday.

Volentes ut negotia, pro quibus in Curia Regia hactenus viriliter insudatis et etiam insudastis, favente Domino, suffragantibusque meritis et precibus dicti Sancti, felicem effectum obtineant et optatum; Vestræ discretioni reverendæ originalia cartarum, pro quibus scripsistis, in cophino sigillis Magistrorum Benedicti de Paston et H. de Carlton, concanonicorum et confratrum nostrorum, consignata mittimus per præsentem procuratorem, pro his negotiis nostris feliciter expediendis, sic post fuerint ostendenda et exhibenda pro locis et temporibus opportunis, quæ si placet salvo faciatis custodiri, nobis in vestro reditu prospero liberanda. Valeat vestra fraternitas reverenda in Domino Jesu Christo.

Wishing with the favour of God, and by the aid of the merits and prayers of St. John of Beverley to bring your labours in the King's Court to a happy conclusion, we send in a box under seal of two Canons the original charters.

Bring them back with you.

Datis Beverlaci xij Kalendas Julii A.D. m°ccc°xx^mo^ quinto.

Admissio ad Præcentoriam.

1325.
23 June.
Rd. of Grimston admitted to Precentorship vacant by death of Rd. Lisle, and installed.

cxiij. 2.—ix Kalendas Julii A.D. supradicto Admissus fuit Dominus Ricardus de Grymmeston ad Præcentoriam in ecclesia vacantem per mortem Domini * Ricardi de Insula, dudum Præcentoris ejusdem, in forma consueta :

Et installatus fuit per auctoritatem Capituli per camerarium et inductus in corporalem possessionem dictæ præcentoriæ per eundem et optinuit litteras super inductione in forma quæ sequitur.

Inductio per procuratorem absentis concessa. Grimeston.

1325.
23 June.
Induction of Rd. of Grimston as Precentor on presentation by

cxiij. b. 1.—Universis pateat per præsentes quod Nos Capitulum [etc.] litteras discreti viri Magistri Alani de Cotum, reverendi et discreti viri Domini Nicholai de Hugat, Præpositi ecclesiæ antedictæ, ipso extra regnum Angliæ in remotis agente, Vicarii Generalis, recepimus continentiæ infrascriptæ.

Alan of Coatham, Vicar-General of N. of Huggate. Provost absent abroad.

Alanus de Cotum [reverendi etc. as above] habens inter cetera potestatem beneficia, ad ipsius Domini Præpositi collationem spectantia, conferendi, Venerabili Capitulo [etc.], Salutem in amplexibus Salvatoris.

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* See his admission, p. 113.

Quum Præcentoriam in Ecclesia Beati Johannis supradicta vacantem et ad præfatam Domini Præpositi collationem spectantem, Domino Ricardo de Grymmeston, presbitero, contulimus intuitu caritatis,

Vos requirimus et rogamus quatinus quod vestrum est et vobis incumbit in hac parte ulterius exequi velitis, cum favore, eundem Ricardum, in possessionem corporalem dictæ Præcentoriæ cum omnibus juribus et pertinentiis ipsius inducatis. Valete.

Dated Birstal. Datis apud Bristal in Holderness xvij Kalendas Julii, anno gratiæ m^{o}ccc^{mo}xxv^{to}.

Harum igitur auctoritate et virtute litterarum, dictum Dominum Ricardum ad dictam Præcentoriam admisimus, et ipso assignato ad stallum in choro, ac ceteris omnibus debite et consuete in hac parte plenius observatis, prout consuetudo dictæ ecclesiæ exigit et requirit, in corporalem possessionem dictæ Præcentoriæ, jurium et pertinentiarum ejusdem, induximus, ut decebat.

In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum.

Datis Beverlaci ix Kalendas Julii anno supradicto.

Licentia.

1325. 23 June. Chapter to Rd of Grimston, Precentor.

Licence of non-residence for 2 years.

cxiij b. 2.—Capitulum [etc.], Dilecto nobis in Christo Domino Ricardo de Grymmeston, Præcentori ejusdem ecclesiæ antedictæ, Salutem in Auctore salutis.

Precibus tuis favorabiliter annuentes ut ab ecclesia nostra prædicta per biennium a die datæ præsentium Te valeas absentare, eo non obstante quod ad personalem et continuam residentiam sis astrictus;

Tibi præsentium tenore, quatenus ad nos attinet, indulgemus.

Proviso quod ecclesia nostra in hiis quæ in ea ad tuum spectant officium interim non fraudetur, et quod in eadem ecclesia procuratorem habeas ydoneum, qui in omnibus et singulis te contingentibus respondeat debite loco tui. Vale.

Datis Beverlaci ix Kalendas Julii anno supradicto.

Taxatio defectuum. Sequestrum.

cxiiij.—ij Kalendas Julii A.D. supradicto visi fuerunt defectus domorum ad Præcentoriam spectantium per Dominos Johannem de Hornse, Thomam de Grymmesby, Thomam de Silghstorn et Johannem de Beningholm, necnon et Willelmum de Cranswik, Carpentarium hujus ecclesiæ juratum, jussu et auctoritate Capituli, visisque et attentis in quo statu Dominus Ricardus de Insula immediatus prædecessor ejusdem Domini Ricardi de Grymmeston eas recepit, et quid apposuit, et in quo statu eas dimisit, Taxaverunt dictos defectus ad centum solidos; et interpositum fuit sequestrum in bonis dicti Domini Ricardi de Insula infra jurisdictionem Capituli inventis, et præcipue in areragiis sibi debitis in Bederna a die Paschæ usque ad vigiliam Nativitatis S. Johannis Baptistæ.

1325. 30 June.

Dilapidations of Precentor's mansion assessed at 100s.

The late Precentor's goods sequestrated to secure payment.

Per Willelmum de Suthill.

cxiiij. 2.—Viris venerabilibus et discretis Venerabili Capitulo Beverlacensi eorum concanonicus et confrater Willelmus de Suthil, Salutem [etc.].

1325.

Canon W. of Soothill to Chapter.

Cartas in hanaperio consingnatas, quas mihi misistis, salvo recepi, quas penes me retineo, illas si necesse fuerit, ostensurus.

Receipt for Charters.

Et quia Rex concessit petitionem meam in magna parte, non intendo eas adhuc alicui demonstrare.

As he has a favourable answer from King will not show them yet.

Et quia habemus nocentes æmulos juxta Regem, oportet me quousque elongati fuerint expectare. Aliam petitionem contingentem libertatem nostram proposui in parliamento, cujus exitum de die in diem habeo exspectare.

There are enemies near the King, for whose departure he must wait.

Has put forward another petition to Parliament.

Et quia sumptus necessarii mihi desunt, rogo ut mihi usque ad Centum solidos transmittatis, quia a Curia recedere non potero donec creditoribus fuerit satisfactum, Scientes quod præter cotidianas expensas oportet plura inpendere usquequaque, et si negotium nostrum ad optatum ducatur effectum, sicut spero, quicquid apposueritis, reputabitis bene solutum. Et si in receptione præsentium fratres nostri præsentes non fuerint, vos tamen, domine Johannes de Risindon, quod petitur exequi non tardetis.

Wants money, say £5, for expenses and to pay creditors, without which he cannot leave. Has to pay out money everywhere, but if the business reaches the end he hopes they will think it well spent.

Conservet vos Altissimus per tempora prospera et longæva.

[*Letter as to last letter.*]

cxiiij. b.—Litteram Domini Willelmi de Suthill nobis missam, et per Dominum Decanum apertam, vidi et intellexi;

1325. 8 July.

Assessor to a canon.

Soothill's letter to us, opened by the Dean (Pickering), I enclose with the Dean's letter; agreeing with his view.

vobis remitto cum hac cedula in littera dicti Domini Decani, unacum ipsa littera interclusa, deliberationi ipsius Domini Decani in omnibus consentiens, quod hoc videtur melius in hac parte. Valete.

Scriptum apud Aghton viij Idus Julii.

Ipsæ litteræ sunt in cophino cum acquietanciis.

Littera Officialis pro quæstu.

1325. 9 July. Official of Court of York to all archdeacons, &c., in the diocese.

cxiij. b. 2.—Officialis curiæ Eboracensis viris venerabilibus et discretis dominis Archidiaconis et eorum officialibus, Abbatibus, Prioribus, decanis, rectoribus, vicariis, capellanis parochialibus et in capellis divina celebrantibus et ceteris Christi fidelibus tam exemptis quam non exemptis per Eboracensem diocesam et provinciam constitutis, Salutem [etc.].

Assist the collectors for Beverley Minster;

Universitatem vestram studiose rogamus monemus et in Domino attentius exortamur, vobis omnibus et singulis nichilominus in virtute sanctæ obedientiæ firmiter injungentes, quatinus quotienscunque procuratores seu vere nuntii venerabilis Capituli [etc.] ad vos accesserint ad novam fabricam ejusdem pias fidelium elemosinas petituri et etiam recepturi, ipsos ad negotium hujusmodi exponendum in proximis et singulis Capitulis vestris celebrandis post inspectionem præsentium, necnon in ecclesiis collegiatis parochialibus et capellis vobis subditis statim et immediate post negotium S. Petri Eboracensis, omnibus aliis negotiis consimilibus et indulgentiis quibuscunque admissis vel in posterum admittendis interim cessantibus et semotis quousque negotia ecclesiæ Sancti prædictæ ac novæ fabricæ ejusdem modo prædicto ad plenum exposuerint et expedierint, ut tenentur, beningne et sine impedimento quolibet admittatis: Cunctos presbiteros parochiales vobis subditos monentes et efficaciter inducentes ut negotium prædictum parochianis suis diligenter exhortatione pronuntient et exponant, ac fidelium elemosinas personaliter colligant, ipsasque certis diebus et locis per vos in locorum Capitulis assignandis, prædictis procuratoribus vel eorum nuntiis absque diminutione qualibet fideliter persolvant et restituant elargitas, sub pœna excommunicationis majoris quam contravenientes poterunt non inmerito formidare. Proviso quod hujusmodi negotium ex-

Giving them preference over all others except York Minster.

pediatur sicut decet statim post Evangelium lectum dummodo in ecclesiis aderit multitudo populi Christiani.

In cujus rei testimonium sigillum officii nostri præsentibus est appensum.

Datis apud Ellerton vij Idus Julii A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo} vicesimo quinto.

Procuratorium quæstoris in Archidiaconatu Notinghàm.

1325.
10 July.

cxv. 1.—[Appointment of collector in Arcdeaconry of Nottingham, J. Claworth, clerk. Dated 6 Idus Julii.]

Sequestrum W. de Suthill.

1325.
24 July.
Sequestration of goods of W. of Soothill, deceased.

cxv. 2.—ix Kalendas Augusti A.D. supradicto, perlato rumore de morte Domini Willelmi de Suthill canonici et præbendarii præbendæ S. Katerinæ in ecclesia Beati Johannis prædicta; Nos Auditor venerabilis Capituli [etc.] omnia bona dicti Domini Willelmi infra jurisdictionem dicti Capituli ubilibet existentia sequestramus, inhibentes sub pœna excommunicationis, quam proferimus in hiis scriptis, ne quis ad dicta bona manus extendat, seu de hiis sine licentia Capituli seu nostra intromittat, donec testamentum dicti Domini Willelmi si quid fecerit in forma juris per dictum Capitulum seu per nos fuerit approbatum, seu aliter de hiis bonis si testamentum nullum fecit per nos canonice fuerit ordinatum, et obiit London, xiiij Kalendas Augusti A.D. supradicto.

Acquietancia Stephani de Thorpe.

Quittance of Stephen of Thorpe, executor of the will of Canon William of Sothill on account of £30 19s. 4d. given him for his expenses in Parliament.

Balance in hand, £11 9s. 0¼d. paid over.

xvij. b. 3.—Universis pateat per præsentes quod Nos, Capitulum ecclesiæ Beati Johannis Beverlacensis, audivimus compotum Stephani de Thorpe, executoris testamenti bonæ memoriæ Domini Willelmi de Suthill, dudum canonici ecclesiæ Beati Johannis prædictæ, de xxx^{ta} libris, decem et novem solidis et iiij denariis sterlingorum, sibi per nos traditis et liberatis pro negotiis nostris in Parliamento circiter festum Nativitatis Beati Johannis Baptistæ A.D. m^{o}ccc^{o}xxv^{to} London celebrato;

Quo audito, allocatis allocandis, in manibus dicti executoris xi libræ ix s. et unus quadrans omnino remanserunt, quam quidem pecuniam super ipsum compotum nobis solutam, et quietus recessit, ab omni honere [*sic*] compotus, quantum ad præfatam pecuniam finaliter absolutus.

In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datis Beverlaci. [The next leaf has disappeared.]

Reston.

1325. 24 July. Rt. of Reston, Canon, claims by his proctor W. of Soothill's prebend.

cxv. b. 1.—ix° Kalendas Augusti anno supradicto, Dominus Nicholaus de Syghlestorn, procurator Domini Roberti de Reston, comparuit in Capitulo coram Auditore ejusdem Capituli, et præbendam* Domini Willelmi de Suthill, nomine Domini sui prædicti acceptavit in forma inferius anotata.

Feriby.

Rd. of Ferriby the like.

Eodem die Dominus Johannes de Swyna et Johannes de Ellerker, procuratores Domini Ricardi de Feriby, hujus ecclesiæ canonici, comparuerunt in Capitulo coram Auditore ejusdem Capituli, et præbendam Domini Willelmi de Suthill, nomine domini sui prædicti, acceptarunt in forma inferius anotata.

Berkhamsted.

James of Berkhampstead the like

Eodem die Johannes de Eboraco, clericus, procurator Domini Jacoby de Berkamsted, comparuit in Capitulo coram Auditore ejusdem Capituli, et præbendam Domini Willelmi de Suthill, nomine domini sui prædicti, acceptavit in forma inferius anotata.

All in virtue of Papal provisions.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Ego Nicholaus de Sighlestorn, procurator Domini Roberti de Reston, canonici ecclesiæ Beati Johannis Beverlacensis, protestor in hiis scriptis me velle, nomine domini mei prædicti, præbendam Beatæ Katerinæ Virginis in ecclesia prædicta per mortem Domini Willelmi de Suthill quondam præbendarii præbendæ prædictæ acceptare, si eidem domino meo virtute gratiæ per sanctissimum in Christo patrem et dominnm, Dominum Johannem divina providentia papam xxij, et processus super hoc [h]abiti et secuti, et nulli alii de jure debeantur, et ulterius facere in hac parte quod domino meo videro expedire.

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* This is a fine example of "where the carcase is, there the (clerical) eagles are gathered together."

Inductio. Nassington.

cxv. b. 4.—Septimo Kalendas Augusti A.D. supradicto admissus fuit Magister Rogerus de Nassington ad præbendam suam in forma consueta, et habuit litteras de Inductione in forma subsequente.

1325. 26 July. Admission of Mr. Roger of Nassington to prebend late of Mr. Roger of Northburgh in accordance with

Universis pateat per præsentes quod nos Capitulum [etc.] litteras venerabilis in Christo patris et domini Domini Willelmi Dei gratia [etc.] recepimus in hæc verba:

Willelmus, permissione divina [etc.], Capitulo [etc.].

letter of Abp.,

Quum canonicatum et præbendam altaris Beati Martini in ecclesia nostra S. Johannis Beverlacensis nostræ Diocœsis, quos ultimo optinuit Magister Robertus de Northburgh in eadem ad nostram collationem spectantes, et causa permutationis cum ecclesia de Houghton, diocesis Lincolniensis, canonice factæ vacantes, Magistro Rogero de Nassington, ex causa permutationis hujusmodi contulimus intuitu caritatis;

in exchange for church of Houghton, Bedfordshire.

Vobis mandamus quatinus eundem Magistrum Rogerum, seu procuratorem suum nomine ejus, in corporalem possessionem ipsorum canonicatus et præbendæ inducatis seu induci faciatis: Exequentes circa eum in hac parte ulterius quod est vestrum. Valete.

Datis in manerio nostro juxta Westmonasterium xvj Kalendas Augusti A.D. $m^{o}ccc^{mo}$ xx^{mo} v^{to}.

Dated at Manor near Westminster.

Hujus igitur auctoritate mandati, dictum Magistrum Rogerum de Nassington in personis Johannis Holby, Nicholai de Sighlestorn, vicarii ecclesiæ Beatæ Mariæ Beverlacensis, presbiterorum, et Johannis de Everwyk de Beverlaco, clerici, procuratorum suorum, ad dictos canonicatum et præbendam admisimus; et ipsum, assignato eidem stallo in choro et loco in capitulo, ac ceteris omnibus quæ requiruntur in hac parte plenius observatis, in possessionem dictorum canonicatus et præbendæ secundum vim formam et effectum dicti mandati, in personis dictorum procuratorum induci fecimus corporalem.

In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum.

Datis Beverlaci vij Kalendas Augusti anno supradicto.

[Proctors for Parliament.]

1325.
2 Nov.
Appointment of Canon Dennis Avenel as proctor for Parliament in London on octave of S. Martin.

ccxliiij.—Die animarum A.D. supradicto factum fuit procuratorium Magistro Dionisio Avenel pro procuratoribus eligendis et ad parliamentum London in Octavis S. Martini A.D. supradicto celebrandum.

Conversatio.

1325.
22 Nov.

[Testimonial in favour of R. de Hardynge of Wytheton, chaplain.]

Littera pro purgatione clerici.

132$\frac{5}{6}$.
25 Feb.
Abp. W. Melton to Canon Dennis Avenel, Vicar-General in his absence,

directing him to inquire by trustworthy men of Beverley, of the repute of Jn. of Risindon, junr., chaplain, in the Abp's prison for theft: and if found innocent, put him to purgation in due form and release him from prison.

ccxliiij. b. 1.—Willelmus, permissione divina [etc.], Dilecto filio Magistro Dionisio Avenel, nobis extra nostram diocœsem agentibus nostro Vicario Generali, Salutem [etc].

De vestris fidelitate et industria plenius confidentes, ad inquirendum per viros Beverlacenses fidedingniores ad hoc in sufficienti numero evocandos, de fama et opinione Domini Johannis de Risindon, minoris, capellani, super crimine furti notati, ut dicitur, ac etiam irretiti et ea ratione carceris nostri custodiæ mancipati, et in eo eventu si per dictorum testimonium virorum bonæ famæ et oppinionis, ac in nullo culpabilis criminis antedicti inventus fuerit, bona fide ad indicendum sibi purgationem canonicam super crimine antedicto, præmissa tamen proclamatione, ac juris ordine, qui circa hujusmodi processum requiritur, in omnibus observato, et ad recipiendum purgationem suam, si super dicto crimine se purgare voluerit quota manu fidedingnorum secundum Deum et justitiam vobis videbitur expedire;

Et si se ab hujusmodi crimine sibi imposito legitime purgaverit, suamque innocentiam sic declaraverit manifestam, ad liberandum dictum Dominum Johannem a dicta carcerali custodia, qua asseritur detineri, ac omnia alia et singula faciendum quæ in præmissis et circa ea fuerint nocessaria, aut etiam oportuna;

Vobis vices nostras committimus cum cohertionis canonicæ potestate: Mandantes quatinus de omni eo quod feceritis in præmissis debite reddatis ac plenius certiores tempore oportuno per litteras vestras patentes, Harum seriem continentes. Valete.

Datis in Hospitio nostro juxta [*MS. stained*] v Kalendas Martii anno gratiæ m^{o}ccc^{mo} xv^{to}, et pontificatus nostri viij^{o}.

ccxliiij. b. 2.— . . . præsentes quod Dominus Thomas de Syglesthorn, vicarius ecclesiæ [etc.] , ... thorp suspectam habuisse familiaritatem, ac eandem carnaliter . . . . vocebatur coram nobis venerabilis Capituli [etc] . . . . crimine asseruit se immunem in dictam sibi purgationem , ... fecit, propter quod ipsum bonæ famæ suæ quatenus ad nos . . . . testimonium sigillum nostri officii præsentibus est appensum . . . . A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo} xx^{mo} vj^{to}.

1326.
T. of Sigglesthorn, vicar [choral] accused with [*MS. stained*], purges himself and is restored to good fame.

. . . . Syghlestorn vocatur super fornicatione cum Albreda de Thorp . . . .

The same summoned for misbehaviour with Albreda of Thorpe.

Conversatio. Bilston.

Pridie Nonas Junii concessa fuit una littera conversationis Domino Willelmo de Walton; et præstitit juramentum quod contra capitulum nunquam impetraret.

1326.
4 June.

Clerici missi ad ordines.

ccxl.—Missi fuerunt ad ordines xiiij Kalendas Octobris, clerici infrascripti, videlicet, Johannes Rayns, Robertus de Barton ad ordinem subdiaconatus; Willelmus de Leven, Willelmus de Keteby, Thomas de Norton . . . . de Heklington ad ordinem diaconatus; Robertus [Alington] . . . . de Baynton, Johannes de Anslagby ad ordinem præsbiteratus A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo} xxvj^{to}.

1326.
18 Sept.
2 sub-deacons.
4 deacons.
9 priests.

Anno Domini millesimo cccxvlj^{o}.

ccxlv.—xiiij Kalendas Octobris A.D. supradicto factum fuit Procuratorium Johannis de Stork per biennium post datam præsentium duraturum.

1326.
18 Sept.

Cave.

x^{o} Kalendas Januarii A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo}xxvj^{to} Dominus Johannes de Cave, capellanus, optinuit litteras testimoniales de conversatione sua sub data vj^{to} Idus Martii A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo}xxij^{o}.

1326.
23 Dec.
Testimonial dated 10 March 1322-3 given to J. of Cave, chaplain.

Anno Domini millesimo cccxxvij^{o}. Clerici missi ad ordines.

1327.
26 March.
Orders

3 sub-deacons.
1 deacon.
1 priest.

Venerabili [etc.]

Robertus de Brunton
Willelmus de Allerton } ad ordinem subdiaconatus.
Johannes Spynk
Johannes Rayns ,, diaconatus.
Johannes de Multhorp ,, presbiteratus.

Datis Beverlaci vij Kalendas Aprilis A.D. supradicto.

Clerici missi ad ordines.

1327.
4 June.

Thomas de Benyngholm
Willelmus de Harpham
Willelmus de Tykton } ad ordinem subdiaconatus.
Johannes de Grayngham
Willelmus de Gaunsted
Johannes Bynder } ,, diaconatus.
Dominus Hugo de Otringham ,, presbiteratus.

Datis Beverlaci ij^{o} Nonas Junii A.D. m^{o} ccc^{mo} xxv^{o}ij^{o}.

Procuratorium pro procuratore eligendo.

1327.
30 July.
Appointment of Dennis Avenel as Proctor for Chapter to meet at York to elect Proctors for Treaty or Council at Lincoln to be held by Abps. W. Melton of York and Walter Reynolds of Canterbury, and J. Hotham, Bp. of Ely, chancellor, on 17 August.

Venerandæ discretionis viro Domino Officiali curiæ Eboracensis vel ejus commissario generali, Capitulum [etc.].

Vestræ discretioni significamus reverendæ quod Nos ad comparendum coram vobis in majori ecclesia Eboracensi die Lunæ proxima post instans festum S. Petri ad vincula ad eligendum et ordinandum duos procuratores idoneos ad tractatum sive concilium apud Lincolniam die Lunæ proxima post instans festum Assumptionis Beatæ Mariæ per venerabiles patres Dominos Willelmum, Dei gratia [etc.] Walterum Dei gratia Cantuariensem Archiepiscopum et Johannem Eliensem, Domini nostri Regis Angliæ Cancellarii, vice et nomine dicti Domini Regis illustris, favente Domino, celebrandum nomine totius cleri Eboracensis diocœsis destinandos ad tractandum cum aliis prælatis, magnatibus et proceribus et procuratoribus existentibus tunc iisdem, super negotiis cum eodem tractatu sive concilio pertractandis, et ad consentiendum hiis, quæ ibidem tunc contigerit de communi consilio ordinari.

Dilectum nobis [etc. as before].

Datis Beverlaci tertio Kalendas Augusti A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo}xxvij^{o}.

Procuratorium pro procuratore eligendo.

1327.
27 Aug.
Appointment of Canon D. Avenel, proctor, to elect proctors for Parliament at Lincoln on 15 Sept.

ccxlv. 5.—Venerandæ [etc. as in last to Eboracensi] die Veneris proxima ante instans festum Nativitatis Beatæ Mariæ Virginis ad eligendum et ordinandum duos procuratores idoneos ad instans Parliamentum apud Lincolniam in crastino Exaltationis Sanctæ Crucis, favente divina clementia, celebrandum [etc. as in last].

Datis Beverlaci vj^{to} Kalendas Septembris A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo}xxvij^{mo}.

Pro quæstu Lincolniensis diocœsis.

1327.
14 Sept.
Chapter to Bp. of Lincoln on behalf of collection for fabric.

ccxlv. b. 1.—xvi Kalendas Octobris A.D. supradicto, scriptum fuit Episcopo Lincolniensi pro Ricardo filio Laurentii Monechaunt, quæstore hujus ecclesiæ in civitate et diocœsi Lincolniensi, et in forma qua supra in quinto folio præcedente, exceptis hiis verbis infrascriptis "pro tempore quo officium in eisdem vestris civitate et diocœsi exercuerit duraturis."

Procuratorium pro quæstu in civitate et diocœsi Eboracensi, Dunolmensi et Carliolensi.

1327.
18 Sept.
Appointment J. of Birstal and J. of Stock, clerks, burgesses of Beverley, as collectors for fabric in Province of York.

ccxlv. b. 2.—Universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis pateat per præsentes quod Nos Capitulum [etc.] ad petendum [etc.] elemosinas nobis ad novæ fabricæ ecclesiæ nostræ pia fidelium devotione datas et dandas, assignatas et assignandas in civitate et diocœsi Eboracensi, Dunolmensi et Carlionensi, necnon ad impetrandum litteras a venerabili in Christo patre et domino, Domino Willelmo Dei gratia [etc.] et ab aliis venerabilibus patribus Dei gratia Dunolmensi et Carlionensi ceterisque prælatis ac ordinariis quibuscunque locurum prædictorum, quorum interest in hac parte, et ad revocandum [etc. as before],

Dilectos nobis in Christo Johannem de Bristoll et Johannem de Stork, clericos, burgenses Beverlaci [etc.].

Datis Beverlaci xiiij Kalendas Octobris A.D. millesimo ccc^{mo}xxvij^{mo}.

Passemer.

[1327.] Undated. Execution having issued against Rt. of Seton, W. of Cranswick, and Emma of Cranswick, burgesses of Beverley, to bring the body of Mrs. Ellen of Passemer lately deceased in the said Robert's house (which against the will of the Chapter had been taken to the Friars Preachers' church), to be buried in the Minster, or to make satisfaction for this crime. Evidence was given that deceased wished to be buried in Friars' Church, where her first husband lay.

ccxlv. b. 2.—Memorandum quod cum facta fuit executio contra Robertum de Seton, Willelmum de Crancewyk, et Emmam de Crancewyk, burgenses Beverlaci, quod corpus Dominæ Elenæ de Passemer nuper defunctæ in domo dicti Roberti ad eorum procurationem in ecclesia fratrum Prædicatorum, Beverlacensis præter et contra voluntatem Capituli [etc.] et ministrorum ejusdem traditum sepulturæ ad ecclesiam istam deferrent tumulandum, in qua vel in cujus cimiterio debuit de jure et antiqua consuetudine sepeliri, vel ecclesiæ de hujusmodi facinore satisfacere competenter;

Idem Robertus nepos et heres dictæ defunctæ coram Magistro Alano de Cotom et Domino Johanne de Risindon, tunc Auditore Capituli et Camerario, ad hoc Commissariis specialiter deputatis, die S. Mathæi apostoli A.D. supradicto personaliter comparuit, asserens dictam defunctam in ecclesia dictorum fratrum, ubi primus vir suus sepelitur, elegisse sepulturam, et super hoc duos testes produxit, videlicet, Willelmum de Crancewyk et Emmam sororem suam, qui sufficienter deposuerunt, quod voluntas dictæ defunctæ semper fuit ut in dicta ecclesia traderetur ecclesiasticæ sepulturæ, et hoc satis expressit die Jovis proxima ante mortem suam in ipsorum præsentia et multorum aliorum.

But they offered to account for offerings and candles to the Minster, viz.: offerings 3s. 6d. and half the candles, viz., 17.

Nichilominus dictus Robertus optulit se paratum satisfacere ecclesiæ, tam de oblationibus quam de æreis, videlicet, de oblationibus usque ad summam oblationum in dicta ecclesia fratrum prædicatorum obvenientium pro eadem, videlicet, iij. s. vj. d. o., et de medietate cereorum, videlicet xvij, prout inter ipsum et Willelmum filium Eliæ, procuratorem Sacristæ, conventum fuit.

Order to pay accordingly.

In quibus per ipsos Magistrum Alanum et Dominum Johannem solvendis extitit finaliter condempnatus.

Procuratorium ad tractandum super subsidio petito a Rege.

1327. 12 Oct.

ccxlvj.—Venerabili [etc. Appointment of Canon Dennis Avenel and Precentor Richard of Grimston, proctors for levying subsidy asked for by the King from clergy in Parliament at Lincoln.]

Datis Beverlaci vj Idus Octobris.

Procuratorium. Alberwyk.

1327.
14 Oct.
W. of Abberwick, Precentor of York, appoints Wm. Foul, proctor, to collect farms of Garton and Beverley belonging to his prebend at Beverley.

ccxlvj. 2.—Pateat universis per præsentes quod Nos Willelmus de Alberwyk, Præcentor ecclesiæ cathedralis Eboracensis dilectum nobis in Christo Willelmum Foul, nostrum verum et legitimum fecimus et constituimus procuratorem; Dantes eidem plenam et generalem potestatem ac mandatum speciale firmas de Garton et de Beverlaco, præbendæ nostræ ecclcsiæ Beverlacensis spectantes, avenas, corrodium, et omnia alia quæ ad eandem præbendam ubilibet pertinent petendi, exigendi, colligendi, recipiendi et de receptis acquietancias, faciendi, contra quoscunque obnoxios in hac parte agendi, defendendi, excipiendi, replicandi, ponendi, positionibus respondendi, juramentum de calumpnia et de veritate dicenda et quodlibet aliud genus liciti sacramenti in animam nostram præstandi; status nostri [etc., in usual form].

Datis Eboraci ij Idus Octobris, anno gratiæ millesimo ccc^{mo}xxvij^{mo}.

Otringham.

1327.
24 Dec.
Hugh of Ottringham, vicar, summoned for incest with his cousin Margaret of Ottringham, purges himself by oaths of 6 vicars priests.

ccxlvj. 3.—Nono Kalendas Januarii A.D. supradicto Dominus Hugo de Otringham, vicarius [etc.] vocatus super crimine incestus cum Margareta de Otringham, consanguinea sua, comparuit . . . . et purgat se cum vj^{ta} manu vicariorum et sacerdotum.

Letters Patent of Assessor that he is restored to good fame.

Universis pateat per præsentes quod cum Dominus Hugo de Otringham vicarius [etc.] coram nobis Auditore venerabilis Capituli [etc.], fama ut dicebatur super hoc laborante, super crimine incestus cum Margareta de Otringham, consanguinea sua, ad certum diem fuisset legitime evocatus; Idem Dominus Hugo sufficienter et legitime comparuit, de hujusmodi crimine asserens se immunem, purgationemque suam offerens cum effectu, quam sibi indictam humiliter admisit, et canonice eam fecit; propter quod ipsum bonæ famæ suæ quantum ad nos attinet restituimus per decretum.

In cujus rei testimonium sigillum officii nostri præsentibus est appensum.

Datis Beverlacii Nonas Januarii A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo}xxvij.

Procuratorium pro procuratore eligendo.

132$\frac{7}{8}$.
21 Jan.
Appointment of Canon D. Avenel, and Precentor Rd. of Grimston, proctors, to elect proctors for Parliament.

ccxlvj. b. 1.—xij Kalendas Februarii A.D. supradicto factum fuit procuratorium Magistro Dyonisio Avenell, canonico hujus ecclesiæ, et Domino Ricardo de Grimston Præcentori ejusdem ad comparendum coram Domino officiali Curiæ Eboracensis vel ejus commissario generali in majori Ecclesia Eboracensi ad eligendum duos procuratores nomine totius cleri Eboracensis diocœsis destinandos ad Parliamentum apud Eboracum die Dominica proxima post instans festum Purificationis B. M. V.

Clerici missi ad ordines.

132$\frac{7}{8}$.
16 March.
Orders.

1 sub-deacon.
4 deacons.
1 priest.

ccxlvj. b. 2.—xvij Kalendas Aprilis A.D. millesimo ccc^{mo}xxvij tales missi fuerunt ad ordines, viz. :

Robertus de Hoden, ad ordinem subdiaconatus.
Thomas de Benyngholm }
Willelmus de Tykton } ad ordinem diacònatus.
Johannes de Gayngham }
Willelmus de Alverton }
Johannes Raynes ,, presbiteratus.

Procuratorium pro procuratore eligendo.

1328.
8 April.
Appointment of Proctor.

ccxlvj. b. 3.—vj Idus Aprilis [as in ccxlvj. b. 1, but to Avenel only die Mercurii proxima post dominicam qua cantatur Quasimodo genitis, for Parliament apud Northampton a Pascha in tres septimanas].

Littera conversationis.

1328.
21 April.

ccxlvj. b. 4.—[Testimonial in favour of J. Raynes, of Thurlesthorp, priest, in ministerio clerici in ecclesia nostra diutius conversatus.]

Acquietancia expensarum.

1328.
21 May.

ccxlvj. b. 5.—[Receipt to N. of Huggate, as on p. 465, for 25^{s}. 7^{d}.]

Clerici missi ad ordines.

1328. 26 May.

ccxlvj. b. 6.—vij Kalendas Junii, viz., in Ebdomada Pentecostes A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo} xxviij tales missi fuerunt ad ordines, viz.:

Johannes de Helsham	ad ordinem subdiaconatus.
Robertus de Brysham	
Philippus de Kilnese	
Johannes de Leven	
W^{m}. de Harpham de Beverley	,, diaconatus
W^{m}. de Clay de Hedon	
J. Spink de Beverley	
J. de Rosse	,, presbiteratus.
J. Wynder de Beverley	
Thomas de Verlai	

Memorandum quod J. de Halsham, R. de Brigham, J. de Kilnese et W. de Clay missi fuerunt ex gratia Magistri Dyonisii Avenel ante tempus suum per iij menses.

Procuratorium pro procuratore eligendo.

1328. 21 July.

[As in No. 1 above, but for Mr. Robert de Pykering die Martis in crastino S. Jacobi Apostoli, and for Parliament at York die Dominica le proxima post festum S. Jacobi.]

A.D. *millesimo cccxxviij.*

1328. 5 June. Letters Patent of Chapter.

Appointing Rt. of Swine, their bailiff, attorney to claim jurisdiction over all tenants and to claim liberties of the Church before Judges of King's Bench and in Eyre; and to hold pleas.

ccxlvij. 1.—Omnibus has litteras visuris vel audituris Capitulum [etc.].

Noveritis nos attornasse, loco nostro posuisse et constituisse dilectum nostrum Robertum de Swyna Ballivum nostrum ad petendum curiam nostram de omnibus et singulis tenentibus nostris et ad calumpniandum libertates ecclesiæ nostræ Beverlacensis, coram quibuscunque Justiciariis de Banco Domini Regis Angliæ illustris itinerantibus assignatis, et omnibus aliis justiciariis et judicibus quibuscunque et ubicunque et quotienscunque sumonitis, attachiati, implacitati, arestati seu quovis modo detenti fuerint: Et ad assignandum partibus et aliis quibuscunque, qui versus eos loqui voluerint, tam pro eisdem quam pro libertate nostra antiquitus probata et approbata salvanda, et ad dandum eisdem diem in Curia nostra Beverlacensi in Beverlaco: necnon ad faciendum eisdem ibidem justitiæ complementum; Ratum habituros et firmum quicquid idem Robertus, Ballivus noster, nomine nostro in præmissis duxerit faciendum.

In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum commune ad citationes et petitiones faciendas præsentibus est appensum.

Datis Beverlaci v^{to} die mensis Junii A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo}xxviij, et regni Regis Edwardi filii Regis Edwardi secundo.

[*Conversatio.*]

1328. 17 June. Testimonial.

ccxlvij. 2.—xv Kalendas Julii A.D. supradicto facta fuit littera de conversatione Domini Thomæ de Norton presbiteri sub forma litteræ factæ Domino Johanni Raynes, ut patet in folio præcedente.

[*Procuratorium pro quæstu.*]

1328. 27 July. Appointment of Rt. of Stork and Rt. of Haycroft, as collectors for new fabric in Lincoln and Carlisle till Michaelmas 1331:

vj Kalendas Augusti A.D. supradicto factum fuit quoddam procuratorium Roberto de Stork et Roberto de Haycroft pro quæstu novæ fabricæ hujus ecclesiæ exercendo in civitate et diocesi Lincolniensi et Carliolensi a data prædicti usque ad festum S. Michaelis in A.D. millesimo tricesimo primo tanto modo duraturum.

in same form as on 2nd preceding leaf.

Et scriptum fuit sub eadem data et sub forma procuratorii facti Johanni de Bristollia et Johanni de Stork, ut patet in secundo folio præcedenti.

Procuratorium pro quæstu.

1328. 26 Aug.

vij Kalendas Septembris [etc. as in last but to Elias of Lumby in Archdeaconry of Nottingham].

Eodem die [etc. as in last for Archdeaconry of York].

1328. 31 Aug.

ij Kalendas Septembris [etc. as in last but to John of Stork for Archdeaconries of East Riding and Cleveland to Michaelmas 1328].

Domino Episcopo Lincolniensi, Decano et Capitulo Lincoln, Domino Archidiacono Northampton pro quæstoribus in civitate et diocœsi Lincoln.

1328. 6 Sept.

Memorandum quod scriptum fuit Domino Episcopo Lincolniensi, Dominis Decano et Capitulo Lincolniensibus, et Domino Archidiacono Northampton, pro quæstu in civitate et Diocese Lincolniensibus per dictum Ricardum exercendo, sub dato viij Idus Septembris A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo}xxviij, in forma in vj^{to} folio præcedente notata, Domino Episcopo Lincolniensi, et Dominis Decano et Capitulo Lincolniensibus pro quæstu in civitate et diocœse Lincolniensibus prædictis, exceptis hiis verbis, per biennium duraturis; loco quorum ponuntur ista verba, videlicet, per tempus quo dictum procuratorium suum duraverit duraturum.

Procuratorium pro quæstu in Archidiaconatu Richemundiensi.

ccxlvij. b. 1.—Memorandum [etc. as in ccxlvij. but for J. of Birstal for Archdeaconry of Richmond to Michaelmas 1329].

1328.
16 Sept.

Clerici missi ad ordines.

ccxlvij. b. 2.—xj Kalendas Octobris tales clerici missi fuerunt ad ordines; videlicet,

1328.
21 Sept.
Orders.

2 acolytes.
2 sub-deacons.
3 deacons.
6 priests.

Petrus de Hedon	ad ordinem	acolitatus.
Ricardus de Killom	,,	,,
Ricardus de Geytington*	,,	subdiaconatus.
Willelmus de Sygleston	,,	,,
Thomas de Hugate	,,	diaconatus.
Robertus de Hedon*	,,	,,
Willelmus de Esington	,,	,,
Robertus de Barton	,,	presbiteratus.
Thomas de Benyngholm*	,,	,,
Willelmus de Tykton*	,,	,,
Johannes de Gayngham*	,,	,,
Willelmus de Clay	,,	,,
Willelmus de Leven	,,	,,

Memorandum quod Ricardus [etc. those marked *] missi fuerunt, ex gratia Magistri D. Avenell ante tempus suum.

Procuratorium pro procuratore eligendo.

ccxlvij. b. 3.—vj Nonas Octobris [etc.] factum fuit procuratorium Domino Nicholao de Hugate, canonico hujus ecclesiæ, ad comparendum coram Domino Officiali Curiæ Eboracensis, vel ejus commissario generali in majori ecclesia Eboracensi die Veneris in crastino Synodi Eboracensis; viz. die proximo post festum Sanctæ Fidis Virginis ad eligendum duos procuratores nomine totius cleri Eboracensis diocœsis destinandos ad Parliamentum apud Novam Saresbiriam die Dominica proxima post quindenam S. Michaelis celebrandum.

1328.
2 Oct.
Appointment of Canon Nich. of Huggate, proctor for election of proctors to Parliament at Salisbury.

Conversatio.

1328. 2 Nov. Testimonial.

ccxlvij. b. 4.—Memorandum, quod tertio Nonas Novembris A.D. supradicto facta fuit quædam littera de conversatione Domini Willelmi de Otringham in forma litteræ factæ Domino Thomæ de Siglesthorn, ut patet in x^{mo} folio præcedenti.

Clerici missi ad ordines.

$132\frac{8}{9}$. 16 March. Orders.

2 acolytes.
3 sub-deacons.
2 deacons.
3 priests.

ccxlvij. b. 5.—xvij Kalendas Aprilis, viz. Jovis in prima septimana Quadragesimæ A.D. supradicto tales clerici fuerunt missi ad ordines; videlicet, Robertus de Swyna, Ricardus Leger ad ordinem acolitatus; Robertus de Setrington, Ricardus de Killom, Hugo de Humbleton de Beverlaco ad ordinem subdiaconatus; Ricardus de Gaytington, Philippus de Kilnesse ad ordinem diaconatus; Willelmus de Allerton, Willelmus de Syglestorn et Thomas de Hugate ad ordinem presbiteratus.

Memorandum quod Robertus de Setrington et Ricardus de Killom et Philippus de Kilnesse missi fuerunt ex gratia Magistri Dyonisii Avenell ante tempus suum.

Conversatio.

$132\frac{8}{9}$. 22 March.

ccxlvij. b. 6.—[Testimonial in favour of W^{m} of Allerton, priest, "in ministerio clerici in ecclesia nostra diutius conversatus."]

Purgatio.

1329. 31 March. Certificate that J. Binder, chaplain of S. Katherine's chantry, defamed for misbehaviour with Marjory of Leake, when sub-deacon has undergone canonical correction.

ccxlvij. b. 7.—Pateat universis per præsentes, quod Nos, Auditor venerabilis Capituli [etc.], de Domino Johanne Bynder, Capellano cantariæ altaris S. Katerinæ Virginis in ecclesia prædicta, super crimine fornicationis cum Marjoria de Lek, in gradu subdiaconi tunc temporis constituto infamato, ij^{o} Kalendas Martii A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo}xxvj^{to} correctionem canonicam fecimus, ut decebat.

In cujus rei, etc. Datis Beverlaci ij Kalendas Aprilis A.D. xxix^{no}.

A.D. millesimo ccc^{mo} vicesimo nono.

Acta in convocatione

xviij.—Celebrata die Mercurii, videlicet, decimo Kalendas Junii A.D. millesimo ccc^{mo} vicesimo nono.

1329.
23 May.
Convocation.

In primis, Tractatum fuit super responsionibus ad articulos infrascriptos, videlicet;

Articles of complaint of the Rectors of the deanery of Herthill, and Answers.

Ista sunt gravamina, de quibus omnes Rectores decanatus de Herthill universaliter conqueruntur.*

In primis, quod laici sub colore perceptionis travarum ad usum venerabilum virorum canonicorum ecclesiæ Beati Johannis Beverlacensis, ut dicitur, perceptarum, ad decimas suas manus sacrilegas apponunt, eas nequiter et furtive surripiendo et etiam asportando, dictis Rectoribus insciis penitus et ignaris.

1. The laity under colour of taking thraves for the Canons carry off tithes.

Respondetur, quod non erat de voluntate vel intentione Canonicorum quod laici nequiter et furtive surripiant et asportant aliquid Rectorum; sed duntaxat ut colligant travas ecclesiæ Beverlacensi debitas, et si intelligant dicti rectores quod aliter fiat, utantur remedio communi, nec Canonicis quicquam infringant.

Answer: If done, it is without the will or knowledge of the Chapter.

Item, quod procuratores dictorum Canonicorum et emptores dictarum trabarum, conspiratione habita, cum quibusdam parochianis quamcumque modicam terram colentibus, etiam unam bovatam terræ vel minus, exigunt trabas integras et extorquent, contra debitum et justitiam et intentionem donatoris hujusmodi trabarum.

2. The agents and purchasers of thraves conspire with certain parishioners to levy whole thraves even on the tenants of one ox-gang or less, against right and the donor's intention.

Respondetur eidem, non est de pretentione vel voluntate Canonicorum vel scientia eorundem, quod eorum procuratores seu emptores trabarum habeant aliquam conspirationem cum parochianis modicam terram colentibus vel magnam, ut hujusmodi prætextu plus vel minus de trabis exigant plus quam justum et solitum est, sed quod dumtaxat exigant pro qualibet caruca ad culturam et vomerem quatuor trabas.

Answer. If done it is without wish or knowledge of the Canons. All they ask is 4 thraves for each plough for agriculture and plough-share.

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* In this struggle of clerical kites and crows one cannot but sympathise with the mother church, which was presumably first in possession, especially as the agitation of the rectors seems to have been started by absentee Italian Papal nominees.

3. The agents and purchasers aforesaid wickedly extort a whole thrave for each plough, though only ploughing for 9 days at different times in the whole year.

Answer: 4 thraves are exacted for each plough; and if tithes are not taken it is no fault of the Canons.

Item, quod procuratores prædicti et emptores de qualibet caruca arante per novem dies, diversis vicibus per annum, trabas integras nequiter exigunt et extorquent, et sic contingit quod Rectores nil recipiunt de decimis supradictis.

Dicitur, quod de qualibet caruca ad culturam et vomerem arante per novem dies trabæ exiguntur et non aliter, et quod inseritur in articulo de nulla perceptione decimarum non est culpa canonicorum.

3. Where a tenant has land in several parishes and works all with one plough whole thraves are exacted for each.

Answer: Not so.

Item, quod quidam parochiani eorumdem habentes unam bovatam vel duas, in una parochia et tantum vel minus in alia, et colunt totum per unam carucam, dicti procuratores et emptores integras trabas pro singulis parochiis extorquent.

Dicitur, quod ubi in diversis parochiis colunt terram per unam dumtaxat carucam, tantummodo pro illa caruca trabæ exiguntur, et non pro pluribus sive singulis parochiis.

5. Where two prebendaries take thraves in one parish, each takes whole thraves from each plough.

Answer: Not true.

Item, contingit quod duo præbendarii percipiunt trabas in una parochia, procuratores eorumdem sive emptores pro singulis prebendis de una caruca integras trabas extorquent.

Respondetur, quod non continet veritatem.

6. Whereas the prebendaries used to take from each plough one thrave of wheat, another of barley, and two of oats, they now try to take two of wheat and two of barley, and so the farmers have to buy thraves to avoid greater evil.

Answer: They only takes traves as anciently.

Item, ubi dicti prebendarii non consueverunt recipere de caruca nisi unam trabam de frumento et aliam de ordeo et duas de avena; jam de novo nituntur exigere et extorquere medietatem de frumento et aliam medietatem de ordeo, et sic emptores propter importunitatem dictorum trabas ementium hujusmodi trabas emere compelluntur ad evitationem majoris mali et consumptionis decimarum suarum.

Respondetur, quod exigunt trabas sicut ab antiquo fecerunt et non aliter, nihil novitatis faciendo.

7. Rectors having the cure of souls of their parishioners. who detain tithes because of the taking of thraves as aforesaid, when they wish to get them punished by the ordinary, the Chapter wickedly defends them, and so the parishioners when dying confess their

Item, quod Rectores curam animarum parochianorum suorum habentes, sub colore perceptionis hujusmodi trabarum, decimas suas indebite asportantium, volentes eisdem coram ordinario pro hujusmodi excessibus canonice puniri, ad falsam et subdolam suggestionem eorumdem Capitulo ecclesiæ Beati Johannis prædicti multitotiens factam, ne debite corrigantur per dictam ecclesiam nequiter defenduntur, ipsique parochiani in extremis laborantes ipsos furtum in præmissis commisisse multitotiens sunt confessi et sic, sine satisfactione congrua multitotiens moriuntur, in animarum suarum periculum manifestum.

theft and die without satisfaction made, to their souls' peril.

Respondetur, quod nullos injuste scienter defendunt, et si parochiani in extremis laborantes confiteantur se furtum commisisse, ad satisfaciendum inducant confitientes, et si non habeant unde, remittant et absolvant.

Answer: The Canons never knowingly defend any unjustly; if parishioners confess as stated, the Rectors should get them to make restitution and if they have not the means, absolve them.

Item, ubi dicti præbendarii trabas suas non percipiunt nisi de decimis, dosque ecclesiæ indecimabilis existat, ab eadem et pro eadem trabas suas a dictis Rectoribus contra justitiam extorquent.

8. The Prebendaries take thraves from the endowments of the churches, even when not titheable.

Respondetur, quod si dos ecclesiæ sit indecimabilis vel non, nichil ad canonicos, nihilominus tamen de caruca arante dotem trabæ exiguntur, et sic fieri consuevit ab antiquo.

Answer: Whether the endowment is titheable or not, if ploughed, the thraves are due.

Item, ad falsam suggestionem hujusmodi broggorum prædictas trabas de secunda, tertia, vel quarta manu ementium impetrantur, litteræ monitoriæ sub diversis pœnis et censuris ecclesiasticis gravissimis ad compellendum et excommunicandum dictos Rectores et parochianos suos sine causæ cognitione, ipsos non citatos non confessos nec convictos, nec per contumaciam absentes contra juris ordinem et canonica instituta.

9. Thraves are demanded from buyers at 2nd, 3rd, or 4th hand; and monitions issued without trial of the case or citation of the parties.

Respondetur, quod literæ monitoriæ conceduntur primo emptori trabarum et non aliis, et hoc sufficere debet quia trabæ notorie debentur et ut notorius ordo estimatur, ordinem non servare.

Answer: Monitions are issued to first buyer only.

xviij. 6.—Item, ubi hujusmodi trabæ de decimis sumuntur, ad solam suggestionem broggorum, ipsis Rectoribus et parochianis, a quorum manibus hujusmodi trabæ sumuntur, insciis, nec citatis, imponitur numerus carucarum per singulas parochias ultra verum et certum numerum carucarum contra omnimodam rationem.

10. At the sole dictate of the agents a certain number of ploughs is imputed to each parish, without the knowledge of rectors or parishioners, beyond the true number.

Canonici intendunt tractare cum Domino.

The Canons intend to treat with the lord.

Unde prædicti Rectores istis oppressionibus, injuriis et gravaminibus plenius intellectis, et prout consuevit, ponderatis, supplicant humiliter et devote ut super hiis per venerabiles viros canonicos antedictos iisdem Rectoribus provideatur, si placet, de remedio opportuno, ne super prædictis aliunde remedium quærere compellantur.

Conversatio.

1329.
5 June.
Testimonial for T. of Huggate.

ccxlvij. b.—Nonas Junii A.D., etc., xxix Dominus Thomas de Hugate habuit litteras suæ conversationis in forma litterarum conversationis Domini Willelmi de Allerton, ut patet supra, excepto quod scriptæ fuerunt sub data iij Nonas Junii.

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Clerici missi ad ordines.

13$\frac{29}{30}$.
21 March.
Orders.

3 sub-deacons.
3 deacons.

ccxlix.—xij Kalendas Aprilis A.D. supradicto missi fuerunt ad ordines clerici infrascripti; viz,

Johannes de Swyna, Walterus de Resceby et Ricardus de Esk ad ordinem subdiaconatus;

Johannes de Hornse, Henricus de Bernardby et Johannes de Wartre ad ordinem diaconatus.

Anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo^ tricesimo.

Setrington.

1330.
15 April.
Testimonials to Rt. of Settrington and W. of Sigglesthorn, they swearing never to make any claim against Chapter, or put it to expense.

ccxlix. 2-4.—xvij Kalendas Maii A.D. supradicto concessa fuit littera de conversatione Domino Roberto de Setrington in forma litteræ factæ Johanni Raynes, ut patet in folio iij° præcedente; et præstitit juramentum quod nunquam contra Capitulum impetrabit,* nec vexabit sumptibus vel expensis.

Syglestorn.

Eodem die concessa fuit Domino Willelmo de Syghlestorn eadem littera sub data eadem, et Capitulo eundem (*sic*) juramentum præstitit.

Harpham.

1330.
6 May.
Testimonial for W. of Harpham.

ij Nonas Maii A.D. supradicto concessa fuit littera conversationis Domino Willelmo de Harpham de Beverlaco [etc. as above for Setrington].

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* *i.e.* to claim provision or a benefice.

Hankyn de Swyna.

ccxlix. 5.—viij Idus Maii [as in last, but for Sir Rt. Haukyn de Swyna] Hiis testibus Domino Johanne de Risindon tunc auditore, et Johanne Bynder, tunc clerico Capituli, Willelmo de Katisby, Domino Willelmo Bynder, capellano, et multis aliis.

1330.
8 May.
Testimonial.

Clerici missi ad ordines.

ccxlix. 6.—ij Kalendas Junii anno supradicto, missis fuerunt [etc.].

1330.
31 May.
Orders.

3 acolytes.
1 sub-deacon

Robertus Tote de . . . . pellion	ad ordinem acolitatus.
Johannes de B	
Hugo de Leven	
Thomas de Humbelton	,, subdiaconatus.

[ij] Kalendas Octobris anno supradicto, missi fuerunt [etc.].

1330.
30 Sept.
Orders.

1 acolyte.
1 sub-deacon.
4 deacons.
4 priests.

Stephanus [dominus le Vere]	ad ordinem acolitatus.
Henricus de Appelby	
Johannes de Ruda	,, subdiaconatus.
Johannes de	,, diaconatus.
. . . . . de West Hornwyk	
Willelmus Gunwayt de Esington	
Johannes de [Swyna]	
Petrus de Houden	,, presbiteratus.
Johannes Lydard de Leven	
Henricus Bernardby	
Johannes de Hornse	

A.D. millesimo ccc$^{\text{mo}}$ tricesimo.

xviij. b. 2.—iij Idus Octobris anno supradicto emanaverunt litteræ super convocatione celebranda die Sancti Leonardi sub articulis infrascriptis.

1330.
13 Oct.
Summons for Convocation on 6 Nov.

Acta in convocatione

Celebrata die Sancti Leonardi, A.D. m$^{\text{o}}$ccc$^{\text{mo}}$ tricesimo, præsentibus convocatione, Reverendis viris et discretis Magistris Roberto de Pykeryng, Dionisio Avenell, Guilfrido de Cropo Sancti Petri, Dominis Nicholao de Hugate pro se, et Rogero

1330.
6 Nov.
Convocation.

All Canons present, except Roger of Nassington :

the prebend of S. Andrew's vacant.

de Nassington, Ricardo de Otringham, Canonicis; et Magistro Willelmo de Alburwyk viii° canonico; pro præbendario prebendæ Sancti Andreæ tunc vacantis nullo comparente.

Process of Ichorius, Rector of Kirk Ella, against the Provost and Chapter read, and a levy made to meet the costs of suit.

In primis, exposita causa convocationis factæ recitatoque processu habito ad instantiam Domini Ichorii Rectoris ecclesiæ de Elvele contra Dominum Præpositum et Capitulum, prout in cedulis præsentibus annexis plenius continetur, consensum fuit quod ad expensas in lite faciendas, quilibet travas habens, sive percipiens, solvat et contribuat secundum sui beneficii quantitatem.

After consideration of articles alleged by him in letter to the Abp. and forwarded by him, the following answer sent to the Abp.

Item, habito tractatu super quibusdam articulis in litteris Domini Icherii Venerabili in Christo patri et domino Domino Willelmo, Dei gratia Eboracensi Archiepiscopo, Angliæ primati, missis, et per ipsum Magistris Roberto de Pikering, Dionisio Avenell et Nicholao de Hugate, Canonicis, sub literis suis clausis directis, plenaque deliberatione habita super omnibus in literis suis contentis et super aliis quæ tunc ordinaverant, dicto venerabili Patri, in forma quæ sequitur, rescripserunt.

Littera supplicatoria directa Archiepiscopo per Capitulum super jure travarum Anno Domini millesimo ccc^{mo} tricesimo.

1330.
6 Nov.
Chapter to Archbishop.

xix.*—Venerabili in Christo Patri et domino, Domino Willelmo, Dei gratia Eboracensi Archiepiscopo, Angliæ primati, Suum humile et devotum Capitulum ecclesiæ Sancti Johannis Beverlacensis, obedientiam, reverentiam et honorem.

Ask for continuance of past favour.

De vestris consilio auxilio et multiplicibus benevolentiis erga nos et ecclesiam vestram Beati Johannis prædicti habitis per Dei gratiam et habendis gratias vestræ dominationi reverendæ humiles et devotas referimus, quantas scimus; supplicantes humiliter et devote quatinus, quod gratis et sincera benignitate vestra facere incepistis, velitis ad honorem et defensionem juris ecclesiæ vestræ prædictæ continuare, charitatis intuitu, ac nostrorum precaminum humilium interventu, Domine Reverende, secundum consilium vestrum isto die Sancti Leonardi Convocationem fecimus, in qua habito tractatu et plena deliberatione super hiis quæ in litteris Domini Ichorii de Concoreto nuper sub litteris vestris clausis

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* Eight pages of various numbering have been inserted between p. xviii and xix, viz. xiiij, viij, x, xj, xij, xiij, vij. They refer to later dates and will be given in due order.

Magistris Roberto de Pikeryng, Dionisio Avenell et Nicholao de Hugate concanonicis et confratibus nostris directis videlicet, videtur nobis quod non possumus aliqualiter consentire quod hujusmodi travæ, de quibus in litteris suis fuit mentio, in æquali manu ponantur donec inde plenius ut idem Dominus Ichorius petiit a vobis sit discussum, tum quia dictæ travæ prius erant venditæ et per ipsum emptorem ante diem Convocationis pro majori parte collectæ, tum quia jus ecclesiæ vestræ prædictæ in hujusmodi travarum perceptione est ita notorium per totum comitatum Eboracensem, et præcipue per partes Estriding, quod nulla possit tergiversatione celari, et tum quia sumus in pacifica possessione, juris vel quasi hujusmodi travas percipiendi et de eisdem disponendi prout videtur nobis ad utilitatem nostram melius expedire, a tempore et per tempus cujus principii memoria non existit. Si enim consentiremus quod hujusmodi travæ in æquali manu ponerentur, videremus jus nostrum ita notum et notorium et certissimum (quod absit) in dubium revocare, et possessionem nostram pacificam in hujusmodi travarum perceptione plurimum perturbare.

We cannot possibly consent to the proposal of the Rector of Kirk Ella, that the thraves mentioned should be placed in impartial hands till the question is settled; not only because they were sold and collected by the buyer before the Convocation;

but also because our title is so well known, throughout Yorkshire especially, that it cannot be unknown to anyone;

and we have been in peaceable possession of the right to take them from time immemorial;

and we should seem to impugn our title and possessory right.

Quocirca vestra pia paternitas et dominatio, vos, quoad hoc, si placet, habeat excusatos.

Therefore pray hold us excused.

In super ordinavimus in dicta Convocatione quod Dominus Nicholaus de Hugate, concanonicus et confrater noster, et præpositus ecclesiæ vestræ prædictæ, ad parliamentum jam instans pro nobis et nomine nostris et etiam pro jure suo, quod pro magna parte ipsum contingit, cum copiis cartarum Regiarum fundantium juris nostri in travis percipiendis continentium et exprimentium pariliter, accedat, et ipsum negotium nomine nostro et suo persequatur, tam ad effectum confirmationis ipsarum Cartarum nostrarum a Domino nostro nunc Rege, sicut a progenitoribus suis hujusmodi optinendæ quam ad remedia secundum ipsarum Cartarum vim formam et effectum pro jure dictæ ecclesiæ vestræ et elemosina dicti Domini Regis ac progenitorum suorum, in quibus ipsius ecclesiæ quasi tota substantia, et ministrorum ejusdem sustentatio (xix. b.) consistere dinoscitur optinenda contra rebellantes et impugnatores dictam ecclesiam vestram, ac ipsius domini nostri Regis ac progenitorum suorum elemosinam tam manifestam tamque notoriam, ad quæ etiam warantizandum Dominus noster Rex, sicut ex progenitorum suorum cartarum serie apparet luculentius, est astrictus. Vestram igitur paterni-

Nicholas of Huggate, Canon and Provost, has been appointed to go to Parliament now sitting with copies of our charters, to obtain a confirmation of the thraves, which are as it were the the whole substance of the church and support of its ministers;

as to which the King himself is bound to warranty, as appears by a series of charters.

Please, therefore, help Nicholas, as we trust in you as a father.

tatem reverendam de qua in isto nostro et ecclesiæ vestræ negotio plenam fiduciam habemus supplici devotione exposcimus ut eidem Domino Nicholao confratri nostro et Præposito ecclesiæ vestræ prædictæ in præmissis et ipsam contingentibus vestrum sanum consilium, et etiam, si oporteat, auxilium, velitis impendere, quia de vobis sicut de patre confidimus, opportuna; ad vos siquidem sicut ad solum patrem et pastorem confugimus confidenter. Ad ecclesiæ suæ regimen conservet vos Altissimus incolumem et prosperum per tempora diuturna.

Datis die Sancti Leonardi.

Richard of Otringham asked for an assessment of his kitchen, which is out of repair and was not included in the last assessment of defects of prebendal houses. It was granted.

Item, in eadem convocatione Dominus Ricardus de Otringham petiit taxationem coquinæ suæ fieri, quæ insufficiens est, ut sibi videtur, nec taxatis alias defectibus domuum prebendalium taxabatur; et concessa fuit eidem.

Protestation of same as Canon and Prebendary of the prebend of St. Stephen, in his own name and that of the Chapter, that though Master William of Abberwick, holding the benefice which William of Soothill held while he lived, was summoned and attended the last Convocation, it was by the special grace of the Chapter; and he and his predecessors had no right to be present at Convocation, unless specially invited or summoned.

xix. b. 2.—Item in eadem convocatione dictus Dominus Ricardus de Otringham legit protestationem infrascriptam.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Ego Ricardus de Otringham, Canonicus ecclesiæ Beati Johannis Beverlacensis, et Prebendarius præbendæ Sancti Stephani in eadem, protestor palam, publice et expresse nomine meo et dicti Capituli, quod, licet Magister Willelmus de Alburwyk beneficium optinens in eadem, quod nuper optinuit Dominus Willelmus de Suthill dum vixit, certis et legitimis de causis ad istam ultimam Convocationem die Martis in festo Sancti Leonardi Abbatis factam per dictum Capitulum vocatus fuisset ad tractandum super quibusdam negotiis ipsam ecclesiam et statum Canonicorum ejusdem tangentibus, ac ad consentiendum statutis et ordinationibus tunc faciendis comparuisset, quia et gratia speciali dicti Capituli interesset in Convocatione prædicta, et admissus tractatibus prædictis hujusmodi fuit ista vice non jure suo, sed de gratia speciali dicti Capituli, ut præmittitur, et non aliter, cum in hujusmodi tractatibus idem Magister Willelmus de laudabili consuetudine ipsius ecclesiæ interesse non debeat, nec ipsius prædecessores hujusmodi beneficium optinentes in talibus tractatibus interesse consueverunt nec de consuetudine prædicta interesse debuerunt, nisi per dictum Capitulum fuissent vocati specialiter vel compulsi.

xix. b. 3.—Item. Salarium Magistri Thomæ de Harpham advocati Capituli erit in arbitrio Magistri Roberti de Pykering et Domini Nicholai de Hugate, Præpositi; et constituta fuit de eorum consensu annua pensio viginti solidorum eidem in festo Nativitatis Beati Johannis Baptistæ annis futuris solvenda; et juravit, tactis sacrosanctis Evangeliis quod fidelis erit Capitulo et negotia ejusdem fideliter pro[cura]bit et secreta Capituli sibi communicata nulli communicabit in ipsius dapnum, præjudicium et periculum.

The salary of Thomas of Harpham, the Chapter Advocate, to be settled by Dean Pickering and Provost Nicholas Hugate.

Agreed that it should be 20s. a year: and he swore on the Holy Gospels to do their business faithfully, and not to reveal the Chapter's secrets.

Conversatio.

ccxlix. 8.—xvij Kalendas Novembris concessa [etc. as above for Setrington, for Peter Cosyn of Howden].

1330.
16 Oct.
Testimonial.

ccxlix. b. 1.—xvij Kalendas Novembris A.D. supradicto constituti fuerunt duo procuratores pro Capitulo in consistorio Eboracensi, viz. Magistri Willelmus de Hunmanby et Willelmus de Kendale conjunctim et divisim.

1330.
16 Oct.
Proctors for Chapter at York.

Swyna. Grym (sic).

ccxlix. b. 2.—Memorandum quod cum discordia* orta esset inter Dominos Thomam de Grymmesby et Willelmum de Swyna, vicarios;

xiij Kalendas Novembris anno supradicto, comparuerunt coram nobis Auditore, et tandem per interventum sociorum concordati fuerunt. Omni rancore hinc inde dimisso, injunximus eisdem ne quis eorum jurgia lites seu discordiam ex nunc moveat vel moveant, quovismodo sub pœna xl denariorum, operi ecclesiæ applicandorum ab eo qui primus lites seu discordiam inter eos moveat.

1330.
20 Oct.
A quarrel between Th. of Grimsby and Wm. of Swine, vicars, made up by intervention of their fellows.

Ordered by Assessor that either of them who began again should pay 40d. to Fabric Fund.

Purgatio W. de Swyna.

ccxlix. b. 3.—Memorandum quod Dominus Willelmus de Swyna, vicarius, comparuit coram nobis Auditore xij Kalendas Novembris asserens se infamatum super adulterio cum Alicia Bate de Barton, et petiit se ad purgationem suam admitti.

Nos vero, non juris necessitate, purgationem suam cum xij manu sacerdotum duximus admittendam.

1330.
21 Oct.
W. of Swine, Vicar, diffamed for adultery with Alice Bate of Barton, though not legally necessary, allowed purgation by oaths of 12 priests.

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* *Cherchez la femme* in next entry.

Johannes le Porter.

1330.
14 Dec.
J. the Porter, one of the 7 clerks summoned for repeated misbehaviour with Alice of Thorn, a woman noted for misbehaviour, appeared and denied it.

Ordered to remove her from his house, under penalty in statute "Licet."

ccxlix. b. 5.—xix Kalendas Januarii A.D. supradicto Johannes le Porter, unus de septem clericis, vocatus super recidivia cum Alicia de Thorne, muliere notata de fornicatione:

Vir comparuit et negavit, et proprio juramento se purgavit;

Et injunximus et quod ipsam amoveat a domo sua, et quod ipsam de cætero non teneat sub pœna contenta in constitutione, 'Licet.'

Boynton.

Same day.
R. of Boynton for similar offence with Margaret the Marshal:

ordered purgation by 3 witnesses;

purges himself with one.

Eodem die Ricardus de Boynton vocatus super fornicatione cum Margareta le Mareschall muliere notata de fornicatione; vir comparuit et negavit;

Et præfiximus sibi diem ad purgandum se cum iiij^{a} manu. Quo die cum secunda manu gratiose se purgavit.

Conversatio. Lyard. Ricardus de Drax.

$133\frac{0}{1}$.
28 Jan.

ccxlix. b. 7.—v Kalendas Februarii A.D. supradicto concessa fuit quædam littera conversationis Domino Johanni Lyard de Leven in forma concessa Domino Willelmo de Alverton ut patet in iij^{to} folio præcedente, et juramentum præstitit [etc.].

Hugo de Otringham.

$133\frac{0}{1}$.
11 Jan.
H. of Ottringham, vicar, summoned for incest with Margaret of Ottringham, a woman noted for misbehaviour, has canonical purgation.

ccxlix. b. 4.--iij Idus Januarii A.D. supradicto Dominus Hugo de Otringham, vicarius, vocatus super incestu cum Margareta de Otringham muliere notata de fornicatione; vir comparuit et negavit. et in die sequenti cum sociis suis canonice purgavit.

Conversatio. Ricardus de Drax.

$133\frac{0}{1}$.
28 Jan.

ccxlix. b. 8.—v Kalendas Februarii, anno supradicto concessa fuit quædam littera de conversationis Domino Ricardo de Drax in forma superius notata et præstitit juramentum consuetum.

Convocatio.

Anno Domini m^{o}ccc^{mo} xxxj^{o}.

1331.
5 June.

Summons for Convocation on 26 June.

xx. b. 1.—Nonis Junii anno Domini supradicto emanaverunt litteræ pro convocatione celebranda die Mercurii proximo post festum Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ in forma consueta.

Acta in convocatione.

1331.
26 June.

Convocation. 6 Canons present: with Richard of Grimston, Precentor; Adam of Heselbeck, Sacrist, and Wm. of Ferriby, Chancellor, specially summoned, appearing by proxy.

xx. 2.—Celebrata die Mercurii proxime post festum Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ anno Domini supradicto; præsentibus in eadem Magistro Dionisio Avenell, Domino Nicholao de Hugate, Magistris Guilfrido de Cropo Sancti Petri, et Rogero de Nassington, Domino Ricardo de Otringham, Magistro Willelmo de Alburwyk, canonicis; Magistris Roberto de Pykering per Dominum Nicholaum de Hugate procuratorem suum, Domino Bertrando de Cardiliaco præbendario præbendæ Sancti Andreæ extra regnum agente; præsentibus etiam in eadem Domino Ricardo de Grymmeston, Præcentore, Magistro Ada de Heselbeche, Sacrista, per Dominum Nicholaum de Syghlesthorn, procuratorem suum, Domino Willelmo de Feribi, cancellario, per Dominum Johannem de Swyna procuratorem suum ad eandem convocationem specialiter vocatis, ut apparet per certificatorium præsentibus annexum.

A fifth from all prebends and portions and 2s. more from each canon allowed for above expenses.

In primis, habito tractatu super expensis præscriptis concesserunt unanimiter vice sua et fratrum suorum absentium, quintam partem prebendarum suarum et portionum ad satisfaciendum de expensis memoratis; et quia dictam quintam ad satisfaciendum de hujusmodi expensis sufficere non potuit, quilibet canonicus concessit duos solidos ultra quintam partem.

Procuratorium pro procuratore eligendo.

1331.
2 Sept.

ccl. 1.—iiij Nonas Septembris [etc., as before, for Sir R^{d} of Ottringham, canon, for Thursday after S. Matthew's day to elect proctors for Parliament at Westminster, on morrow of Michaelmas day].

Clerici missi ad ordines.

1331. 18 Sept. Orders.

2 Acolytes.
4 Subdeacons.
2 Deacons.
3 Priests.

ccl. 2.—xiiij Kalendas Octobris anno Domini supradicto missi fuerunt ad ordines clerici infrascripti; viz.:

Thomas de Langton, Ricardus de Botemound ad ordinem Acolitatus;

Willelmus de Thresk, Thomas de Burton, Willelmus de Leven et Henricus de Scorburgh, ad ordinem Subdiaconatus;

Reginaldus de Multon, et Ricardus de Newton ad ordinem Diaconatus;

Willelmus de Keteby, Ricardus de Kyllum, et Walterus de Resceby ad ordinem Presbiteratus.

Ordinatio Canonicorum super solutione travarum.

1331. 8 Oct. Chapter held in the Vestry, 4 Canons present:

Ordered concerning those hindering the collection of S. John's Thraves, that each Canon collect those belonging to his prebend in person, or by his own servants, and not sell them till collected; until the conspiracy of the Rectors against them come to an end.

xx. b. 2.—viij Id. Octobris, A.D. millesimo ccc^{mo} tricesimo primo convenientibus in vestiario Magistris Roberto de Pykering, Dionisio de Avenell, Domino Nicholao de Hugate et Magistro Guilfrido de Cropo Sancti Petri, Canonicis, habitoque tractatu super quibusdam negotiis ecclesiæ, necnon super impedientibus solutionem travarum Sancti Johannis; iidem Canonici vice sua et fratrum suorum unanimiter ordinaverunt, quod Canonici per ministros proprios colligant et exigant travas ad suas præbendas spectantes, et eas de cetero non vendant, nec Rectoribus nec aliis quibuscunque donec eas colligerent per se et suos et cum collectæ fuerint, si velint vendere, vendant, donec conspiratio seu conjuratio Rectorum super eisdem travis contra ecclesiam habita conquiescat.

1331. 24 Dec. The King and Queen came to Beverley and heard mass daily.

The King gave a cloth of gold to the High Altar and half a mark, saying that in his presence order should be taken for the altar with this money.

In vigilia Natalis Domini anno supradicto Dominus Rex et regina advenerunt Beverlacum et indie audiverunt missam in ecclesia, et Dominus Rex optulit unum pannum aureum ad magnum altare, et dimidiam marcam, dicente* quod in præsentia ipsius ordinaretur pro altari cum hac pecunia.

Littera Domino Archiepiscopo pro excommunicato vitando: et emanavit præcepto Præpositi.

1331. 22 Nov.

ccl. 3.—Venerabili in Christo patri et domino Domino

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* *Sic.*

Chapter to Archbishop.

Willelmo, Dei gratia [etc.], Suum humile et devotum Capitulum [etc.].

Quum excommunicatorum nomina expedit esse nota ne Christi fideles inficiant labe sua.

Thomas of Lelle, rector of Goshill, and J. of Hayton, in Holderness, in your diocese, are excommunicated and so proclaimed by Dean of Holderness.

Vestræ dominationi reverendæ ac sanctæ paternitati innotescat per præsentes quod Dominus Thomas de Lelle, dudum rector ecclesiæ de Gousill et Johannes de Houton, parochiani vestri in Holdernese, auctoritate nostra, ad instantiam reverendi viri Domini Nicholai de Hugate, Præpositi ecclesiæ vestræ prædictæ, ob ipsorum contumaciam pariter et offensam existentes majoris excommunicationis sententia involuti, et sic per Decanum vestrum Holdernesensem specialiter nuntiati;

Vestræ dominationi et piæ paternitati supplicamus humiliter et devote quatinus ipsos, sic a liminibus catholicæ ecclesiæ sequestratos universis Christi fidelibus, in subsidium nostri et defensionis ecclesiæ vestræ, ut nullus eisdem aliquo genere communionis [etc.].

Pro excommunicato vitando.

ccl. 2.—To same effect as last.

1331.
22 Nov.
Letters Patent of Chapter.

Anno Domini millesimo ccc^{o} tricesimo primo.

1331.
Expenses of Nicholas Huggate, from Beverley to London, and attendance at the Parliament held on the morrow of Blessed Katharine the Virgin:

xx.—Nicholao de Hugate misso per Venerabile Capitulum ecclesiæ Beati Johannis et canonicos ejusdem, de Beverlaco usque ad London ad interessendum Parliamento apud Westmonasterium tento in crastino Beatæ Katherinæ Virginis, pro confirmatione cartarum libertatis et trabarum dictæ Beverlacensi ecclesiæ impetranda;

For 35 days from 18th November to 24th Dec.; in bread, wine, beer, meat, fish, hay, straw, etc., £22 2s. 1¼d.
Fees to Chancellor, Master of the Rolls, writing deeds, silk cords, green wax, writing writs, fee for sealing them, etc., except the fee to the King, £7 9s. 11d.

Pro expensis suis hominum et equorum suorum a xviij^{o} die Novembris, quo die arripuit iter suum sic eundo versus London, usque xxiiij diem Decembris, primo die computato et non ultimo, per xxxv dies per quos fuit eundo, morando ibidem circa expeditionem negotiorum prædictorum, et redeundo, viz., in pane, vino, cervisia, carne, pisce, feno, avena et aliis hujusmodi, sicut patet per particulas, xxij^{li}. ij^{s}. j^{d} quadrans; eidem pro denariis per ipsum solutis pro feodo Domini Cancellarii et Custodis Rotulorum ipsos decreto contingente, scriptura cartarum, laqueis de serico, cera viridi, scriptura brevium et feodo sigilli eorundem, et aliis diversis necessariis, feodo Regis dumtaxat exceptio, vij^{li}. ix^{s}. xj^{d}.

He also asks for price of baggage horse lost on the way, 10 marks.
Total, £36 5s. 4¼d

Idem Nicholaus petit restaurationem unius somer* sui in dicto itinere perditi, x marcas.

Summa totalis expensarum prædictarum, xxxvj^{li}. v^{s}. iiij$\frac{1}{4}^{d}$.

In the business in court of York between Chapter and Icherius de Concorreto, £6 15s. 8d.

Item, in negotio et circa negotium tenementorum in Curia Eboracensi et alibi, inter Capitulum et Dominum Icherium Concorreto, dudum Rectorem ecclesiæ de Elvele, vj^{li}. xv^{s}. viij^{d}.

Procuratorium pro Procuratore eligendo.

133½.
Feb.

ccl. b. 1.—v Kalendas Martii [etc. as in ccl. 1. for Saturday after S. Mathias' day for Parliament at Westminster Monday after S. Gregory's day].

Clerici missi ad ordines.

133½.
11 March.
Orders.

2 Acolytes.
1 Subdeacon.
3 Deacons.
2 Priests.

ccl. b. 2.—v Idus Martii anno supradicto missi [etc.] Johannes de Setrington, et Henricus de Halsam ad ordinem Acolitatus;

Thomas de Langtona ad ordinem Subdiaconatus;

Robertus de Mapelton, Willelmus de Threske et Johannes de Brygham, ad ordinem Diaconatus;

Reginaldus de Multona, et Ricardus de Neutona ad ordinem Presbiteratus.

Conversatio.

133½.
14 March.
Testimonials.

ccl. b. 3.—ij Idus Martii A.D. supradicto concessæ fuerunt litteræ conversationis Dominis Willelmo de Ketiby, Johanni de Hornse, Johanni Bynder, capellanis, in forma litteræ concessæ Domino Johanni Rayns; et præstiterunt juramentum quod nunquam contra Capitulum impetrabunt nec procurabunt impetrare.

1332.
2 May.

Secundo die mensis Maii [same as last] Testimonial for Sir J. of Wartre.

2 June.

Secundo die mensis Junii [same as last] Testimonial for Sir Hugh of Humbelton.

3 June.

iij Nonas Junii [same as last] Testimonial for Sir Symon of Garton.

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* *i.e.* a sumpter-horse or baggage animal.

Clerici missi ad ordines.

ccl. b. 7.—iiij Idus Junii A.D. supradicto missi [etc.] Laurentius de Burton, ad ordinem Acolitatus; Johannes de Setrington, Johannes de Watton, Petrus de Ryse, Ricardus de Butmund et Ricardus de Appelby, ad ordinem Subdiaconatus; Willelmus de Frothinghama, Thomas de Langtona, Stephanus de Appelby, Thomas de Burton Constabell, Henricus de Scoreburgh ad ordinem Diaconatus; Thomas filius Thomæ le Couper de Cotum et Johannes de Ruda, ad ordinem Presbiteratus.

1332.
10 June.
1 Acolyte.
5 Subdeacons.
5 Deacons.
2 Priests.

Stipendarium Boynton.

Memorandum quod Kalendis Augusti A.D. m^{o}ccc^{mo} tricesimo secundo liberata fuit pensio, viz. xx^{s}, Magistri Thomæ de Boynton, procuratoris Venerabilis Capituli in curia Romana, Nicholao fratri suo ad hujusmodi pensionem recipiendum per Magistrum Thomam specialiter deputato.

1332.
1 Aug.
Stipend of £1 paid to brother of Mr. T. of Boynton, Chapter's proctor at Rome.

[Several leaves have disappeared after this.]

Convocatio.

Acta habita super Convocatione.

xx. b. 4—In Dei nomine, Amen. Acta coram nobis Capitulo ecclesiæ Beverlacensis xiij Kalendas Novembris A.D. millesimo ccc^{mo} tricesimo tertio; videlicet, cum constaret nobis ad dictos diem et locum omnes et singulos confratres et canonicos ecclesiæ memoratæ super arduis negotiis et necessariis dictis die et loco, cum continuatione et prorogatione dierum sequentium, tractandum et expediendum personaliter fuisse evocatos, lectisque edictis citatoriis, quibusdamque Dominis Canonicis, videlicet, Magistro Dyonisio Avenell, canonico et præbendario præbendæ altaris Beatæ Mariæ, Domino Nicholao de Hugat, canonico et præbendario altaris Beati Jacobi, Magistro Gylfredo de Cruppo Sancti Petri, canonico et præbendario altaris Sancti Michaelis, et Domino Ricardo canonico et præbendario altaris Sancti Stephani, personaliter comparentibus; Magistro Rogero de Nassington et Domino Ricardo de Feriby, canonicis dictæ ecclesiæ se literatorie excusantibus, et per procuratores legitime constitutos comparentibus; Dominoque Præcentore dictæ eccle-

1333.
20 Oct.
Convocation.

4 Canons present in person; 2 by proxy; the Precentor in person; Master William of Abberwyck, the Sacrist and Chancellor by proxy.

siæ personaliter comparente; aliis videlicet, Magistris Willelmo de Alburwik, et Ada de Hesilbecke, Sacrista ecclesiæ supradictæ, et Domino Willelmo de Feriby, Cancellario ecclesiæ memoratæ, se literatorie excusantibus, et per procuratores suos, ecclesiæ supradictæ confratres et concanonicos comparentibus, quorum quidem procuratoriorum tenores inferius seriatim patebunt.

Form of proxy of Roger of Nassington, Prebendary of the prebend of the altar of St. Martin. As hindered by difficult business he cannot appear, appoints the venerable and discreet Master Dennis Avenell proxy.

Venerabilibus viris et discretis Dominis Capitulo Beati Johannis Beverlacensis eorum frater et concanonicus, Rogerus de Nassington, præbendarius præbendæ altaris Beati Martini in eadem, Salutem cum omni reverentia et honore.

Quia variis et arduis negotiis præpeditus ad diem in vestris litteris citatoriis comprehensum in Capitulo vestro una vobiscum nequeo personaliter interesse ad comparendum illo die cum sequentibus, si opus fuerit, pro me et meo nomine ad tractandum et ordinandum super omnibus et singulis, quæ materia convocationis vestræ exigit et requirit, ac etiam ad consentiendum statuendis hiis quæ ad honorem et statum ecclesiæ vestræ de communi consensu Capituli nostri prædicti in instanti congregatione salubriter fuerint ordinanda seu statuenda, Venerabilem et discretum virum Magistrum Dyonisium Avenell ejusdem ecclesiæ confratrem meum et concanonicum, procuratorem meum ordino, facio et constituo per præsentes: ratum habiturus et firmum, quicquid per dictum procuratorem meum meo nomine actum fuerit in præmissis, et quolibet præmissorum. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum meum est appensum.

Dated Peterborough.

Datis apud Burgum Sancti Petri, anno Domini m^{o}ccc^{o} tricesimo tertio.

Form of proxy of Richard of Ferriby, Prebendary of the prebend of St. Peter.

xxi. 2.—Venerabilibus et discretis viris Dominis Capitulo Beati Johannis Beverlacensis eorum frater et concanonicus Ricardus de Feriby, præbendarius præbendæ Sancti Petri in eadem ecclesia, Salutem et obedientiam cum omni reverentia et honore.

Certis et legitimis causis impeditus die Jovis proxima post festum Sancti Lucæ evangelistæ proxime futurum, nequiens juxta formam citationis vestræ in Capitulo dictæ ecclesiæ personaliter comparere, ad comparendum et tractandum una vobiscum dictis die et loco cum continuatione et prorogatione dierum sequentium, si opus fuerit, super dictæ ecclesiæ negotiis necessariis vel utilibus, necnon ad consentiendum meo nomine una vobiscum et ceteris fratribus concanonicis nostris, hiis, quæ ibidem de eodem fratrum deliberato consilio et assensu ad Dei honorem et ecclesiæ ac Capituli prædictorum utilitatem contigerit ordinari, Venerabilem fratrem et concanonicum nostrum Dominum Nicholaum de Hugate, procuratorem meum verum et legitimum ordino facio et constituo per præsentes: Ratum et firmum habiturus, quicquid idem Dominus Nicholaus consentiendum vel faciendum duxerit in præmissis. In cujus rei testimonium, quia sigillum meum incognitum est plerisque, sigillum Decanatus Hertforhensis una cum sigillo meo appendi præsentibus procuravi. Et ego Decanus Hertforhensis ad specialem interpellationem dicti Ricardi sigillum officii mei præsentibus apposui.

Appointing Nicholas of Huggate, proxy.

As my seal is not known to many, the seal of the Dean of Hertford is appended.

Datis apud Hertforh iiij Id. Octobris, A.D. millesimo ccc^{mo} tricesimo tertio.

Dated Hertford. 12 Oct. 1333.

xxj. 3.—Pateat universis per præsentes, quod cum ex præcepto et injunctione domini mei, Domini Willelmi, Dei gratia Eboracensis Archiepiscopi, Angliæ primatis, oportebat me Willelmum de Alburwyk, canonicum ecclesiæ Beati Johannis Beverlacensis hac instanti die Jovis proxima post festum Sancti Lucæ Evangelistæ proximum futurum et diebus præcedentibus et subsequentibus apud Eboracum et alibi circa ecclesiæ suæ et sua negotia personaliter occupari ita quod die Jovis in Capitulo prædicto minime potero personaliter interesse ad comparendum in dicto Capitulo præfato die Jovis pro me et prebenda mea, ac nomine meo ad tractandum cum venerabilibus viris Capitulum in dicta ecclesia Beverlacensi constituentibus, super quibusdam negotiis ipsos et ecclesiam prædictam statumque ejusdem tangentibus, ac consentiendum licitis et canonicis statutis et ordinationibus quibuscunque quæ in eadem convocatione super statu dicti Capituli et ecclesiæ prædictæ fuerant statuenda, et etiam ordinanda, ac omnia alia facienda et expedienda, cum continuatione et prorogatione dierum subsequentium, quæ in hujusmodi negotiis necessaria fuerint seu etiam opportuna, et si mandatum exigat speciale; dilectos in Christo Dominos Nicholaum de Hugate, Præpositum dictæ ecclesiæ Beverlacensem et Ricardum de Grimeston, Cantorem ejusdem ecclesiæ Beverlacensis, et alterum eorum qui tunc præsens fuerit, alio absente, divisim per se, et in solidum, meos veros et legitimos, verum

Form of Proxy of William of Abberwick.

Let it appear to all by these presents, that as by the command of my lord, William, Abp., &c. I have to be at York about his business, I am unable to attend Convocation at Beverley, &c.

In the event of being specially summoned

appoints 2 proxies the Provost, and the Precentor, to act jointly or severally.

et legitimum procuratores et procuratorem ordino, facio et constituo per præsentes, Dans et concedens eisdem et eorum alteri, qui præsens fuerit alio absente generalem potestatem et mandatum speciale nomine meo et prebendæ meæ prædictæ omnia et singula præmissa facienda et expedienda juxta eorum qualitatem pariter et naturam; ratum et gratum habiturus quicquid dicti procuratores mei, et eorum alter qui præsens fuerit alio absente, fecerint, seu fecerit, in præmissis.

Seal of Deanery of Christianity at York.

In cujus rei testimonium sigillum meum præsenti procuratorio meo apposui; et quia sigillum meum pluribus est incognitum sigillum decanatus Christianitatis Eboracensis dicto procuratorio apponi procuravi in testimonium præmissorum.

York. 19 Nov.

Datis Eboraci xiiij Kalendas Novembris A.D. m°ccc^mo tricesimo tertio.

A.D. m°ccc^mo xxxiij°.

Hesilbeche.

Same day. Form of Proxy of Adam of Heselbeach, Sacrist.

xxj. b.—Pateat universis per præsentes; quod cum ex præcepto et injunctione domini mei Domini Willelmi, Dei gratia, Eboracensis Archiepiscopi, Angliæ primatis, oportebat me, Adam de Hesilbeche, Sacristam ecclesiæ Beati Johannis Beverlacensis hac instanti die Jovis proximo post festum Sancti Lucæ Evangelistæ proxime futurum et diebus præcedentibus et subsequentibus apud Eboracum et alibi circa ecclesiæ suæ et sua negotia personaliter occupari, ita quod dicto die Jovis in Capitulo ecclesiæ prædictæ minime potero personaliter interesse, ad comparendum in dicto Capitulo præfato die Jovis [etc. as in last form, except that Ricardum de Otringham is named as first proxy instead of Nicholas Hugate; and he is to act "in my name and that of my sacristy" (sacristiæ meæ) instead of "my prebend"].

Willelmus Feriby, Cancellarius.

Same day. Form of proxy of William Ferriby, Chancellor.

[The same form as the last except that chancellorship is substituted for sacristy.]

Ordered that all contribute to defence of rights of the church and of each other.

xxj. b 3.—In eadem convocatione statutum et ordinatum quod omnes prebendarii et portionistæ facient contributionem pro juribus et consuetudinibus ecclesiæ sustinendis.

Item, quod omnes facient contributionem pro defensione juris et actionis uniuscujusque.

Acta in Capitulo nostro secunda die Convocationis

Videlicet, xj Kalendas Novembris anno gratiæ supradicto, Canonicis et portionariis in dicto Capitulo comparentibus, habitoque tractatu diligenti super statu et negotiis ecclesiæ memoratæ.

1333.
22 Oct.
Acts of the 2nd day of Convocation.

Consensum est, statutum et ordinatum ex unanimi consensu totius Capituli, quod quilibet tam Canonicus quam portionarius decimam partem beneficii sui, quod optinet in ecclesia prædicta, pro defensione jurium, possessionum, reddituum, et aliorum rerum ad dictum Capitulum qualitercunque spectantium pro anno præsenti contribuat, et per tres annos proximo subsequentes ex causa præmissa quintamdecimam beneficii sui quilibet contribuat; quæ quidem pecunia sic soluta remanebit in manibus Camerarii, omnino parata, cum Capitulum eidem pro expensis necessariis indiguerit.

A tenth for this year and a fifteenth for three years following to be paid to the Chamberlain for defence of the rights and possessions of the Church.

Insuper ordinatum extitit et condictum quod causa seu negotium unius de confratribus quantum ad defensionem erit causa singulorum, adeo quod de pecunia communiter contributa ob causam præmissam defendetur sibi et singulis confratribus et concanonicis consentientibus in hac parte, et præmissa ratificantibus; necnon quilibet canonicus recipiet a dicto Camerario de præfata pecunia pro defensione juris ecclesiæ per indenturam, prout indiguerit, et ordinatum exstitit in convocatione prædicta.

The cause of one brother, as regards defence, is to be the cause of all and to be defended out of the common fund so contributed.

Anno Domini millesimo ccc tricesimo tertio.

xxii. b.—Memorandum, quod tertio Idus Novembris liberatæ fuerunt ad litteram Domini N. de Hugat, quam Magister D. Avenel habet penes se, cuidam clerico nomine Ricardo de Santuna, quædam carta regia et quædam confirmatio regia libertatum, videlicet, Domini Edwardi regis tertii.

1333.
11 Nov.
In accordance with letter of N. Huggate, the Royal Charter and royal confirmation of Edward III. sent him by Richard of Sancton, clerk.

Memorandum quod Idibus Februarii anno supradicto liberata fuerunt Domino Nicholao de Hugate monimenta infrascripta; videlicet (prima), una bulla Adriani, et (secunda)

133$\frac{3}{4}$.
13 Feb.

Delivered to Hugate, Bulls of Adrian, Gregory, Alexander, Honorius, Popes; Confirmations of Abps. Thurston, Roger, Walter Grey; Charter of King John; 3 Letters of Archbishops, one of W. Greenfield, two of William of Melton.

alia Gregorii, et alia (tertia) alii Gregorii, et alia (quarta) Alexandri et alia Honorii; et tres confirmationes episcoporum, videlicet, una Thurstini, et alia Rogeri, tertia Walteri de Grey; et una carta Johannis, Regis Angliæ; tres litteræ Archiepiscoporum directæ archidiaconis, officialibus, Decanis, videlicet, una Willelmi de Grenefelde et duæ litteræ Willelmi de Meletun.

Claim of the Canons to enjoy their liberties as well before the Justices of Assize as before the Justices of either Bench; and that their bailiff may by petition claim and have cognizance of pleas of lands and tenements of his fee in the Canons' Court, as heretofore; without the necessity of proving the right every time.

xxij. b. 3.—Canonici ecclesiæ Beati Johannis Beverlacensis petunt gaudere libertatibus suis coram justiciariis Domini Regis quibuscunque, tam coram justiciariis ad assisas capiendas assignatis quam contra justiciarios Domini Regis de utroque banco; et quod ballivus eorum possit calumpniare et habere ad petitionem suam cognitionem placitorum de terris et tenementis coram eisdem justitiariis deductis de feodo ejus in curia dictorum canonicorum, sicut et ipsi et prædecessores sui [h]actenus usi consueverunt; ita quod singulis vicibus quotiens justitiarii sederint periculose deferre, et eos exhibere non teneantur, cum sufficere debeat coram justitiariis itinerantibus de libertatibus illis, præcipue cum sint omnibus notæ, fidem facere, si oporteat.

Super crimina.

1334.
18 June.
Chapter to Archbishop.

At your request Canon Richard of Ottringham's absence excused, and he to receive as if present.

vij. 2nd ser.*—xiiij Kalendas Julii, pontificatus vestri decimo-septimo, Reverendæ paternitatis vestræ optentu dictum Dominum Ricardum de Otringham concanonicum et confratrem nostrum quantum ad absentiam suam pro hoc instanti festo Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ pro excusato habemus: ita quod occasione nil sibi penitus subtrahetur, sed sibi reservabitur quicquid percepturus esset, si in dicta ecclesia vestra personaliter interfuisset.

We have conferred with the Prior of Wartre; Adam of Pickering, rector of Londesbrough; John of Grimsby, rector of Wressel, in the name of the Rectors of the Deanery of Harthill, who asked for the redress of certain grievances.

We answered, "Some of the so-called grievances

Ad hæc vestræ dominationi Reverendæ tenore præsentium innotescimus nos cum Domino Priore de Wartria, Magistro Adam de Pykering, Rectore ecclesiæ de Lownesburgh, Domino Johanne de Grimesby, Rectore ecclesiæ de Wresell, nomine suo et nomine Rectorum Decanatus de Herthill, ut dicebant, post litteras vestras nobis alias directas tractatum habuisse; qui gravamina quædam per eosdem alias suggesta resanari per nos ab initio petierunt; ad quod eisdem per nos responsum extitit in hunc modum; quod nos quædam, quæ dicebant, gravamina, ut potuimus, reformavimus; alia siquidem prætensa, quæ, obstantibus consuetudinibus et libertatibus ecclesiæ vestræ per nos juratis, reformare non potuimus; consensimus concorditer, quod per vos et consilium vestrum, si et quatenus apparerent esse gravamina, et per nos non poterunt justificari, juste et debite reformentur; super quibus cum dictis Rectoribus dixerunt se velle deliberare; Ac postmodum per intervallum temporis venit dictus Magister Adam de Pykering ex parte ipsorum, ut dicebat, et habito tractatu cum Magistro Guilfrido, canonico et fratre nostro tunc præsente, dixit eos velle se submittere ordinationi vestræ super viis in litteris vestris alias nobis missis contentis, et non aliter.

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* This is inserted between f. xiij and xix.

we had already redressed; others of the alleged grievances being contrary to the customs of the Church we could not redress." But we agreed to redress everything that could be shown to be a grievance, by your counsel. After consulting the rectors, they agreed to submit to your orders, in the way contained in your letters to us.

Sane, pater reverende, quia via a nobis eis oblata etsi rationibilis et justa ac juri proxima habeatur, et consona rationi, ab ipsis, tamen, ut per ipsorum responsionis præcisionem apparet, est totaliter derelicta; Ex quo verisimiliter, quia potius vere conjicimus, quod ad subversionem status ecclesiæ vestræ et nostri verisimiliter molliuntur; quod ex eo apparet luculenter, quod viæ in literis vestris contentæ juris et possessionis nostrorum manifestam inducerent mutationem, et ex consequenti ecclesiæ vestræ ac vestri et nostri status subversionem; ad quod ipsos velle agere certis indiciis suspicamur;

But, even if that way were consonant with justice they have in terms abandoned it.

Whence we infer they aim at the subversion of our and your estate as the means mentioned would introduce a complete change in our rights.

Propter quod, pater reverende, viis ipsorum prætactis condescendere simpliciter ad præsens non possumus ullo modo, nisi per vos possint induci; ut dum circa viam secundam, quæ nobis magis placita videtur, ordinandam ac confirmandam a vobis et Capitulo vestro ecclesiæ Eboracensi, accidente etiam ad hoc Domini nostri Regis, cujus fulcimur privilegiis, assensu et consensu, ac aliorum quorum interest, et sedis apostolicæ confirmatione, et certa scientia speciali, nos in ipsarum travarum perceptione pacifica et plena, absque aliquorum ipsius impedimento ac perturbatione qualibet ipsorum vel aliorum, quantum in ipsis est et esse poterit, ipsa vera ecclesia gaudeat; et nos ipsi ecclesiæ vestræ nomine gaudeamus.

Wherefore we cannot agree to the aforesaid ways; unless they can be led by you; so that by second way, which seems best, confirmed by you and your Chapter of York, with the assent of the King and confirmation of the Pope and all concerned, your church and we in its name may enjoy the peaceful and full possession of the thraves.

Hæc vestræ paternitati reverendæ, quia alias vias tutas nobis non videmus, devotius intimamus, supplicibus affectibus deprecantes ut in hiis tam arduis tamque periculosis vos ecclesiam vestram et nos contingentibus, salubre vestrum consilium, saniorem ac tutiorem pro nobis ecclesia vestra et nobis deliberationem, cum ceteris vestris bene placitis inti-

This we say praying you to inform of your determination, us, who after God and St. John of Beverley have fixed our hope in you,

mare dignemini nobis; vestris qui in vobis præcipue, post Deum et patronum nostrum Sanctum Johannem, ancoram fiximus spei nostræ. Ad ecclesiæ suæ sanctæ regimen vos conservet Altissimus felicem et prosperum per tempora dinturna.

Anno Domino millesimo ccc^{mo} tricesimo quarto.

1334. 4 Aug. Chapter to Richard of Sancton, clerk.

vij. b.—Capitulum ecclesiæ Beati Johannis Beverlacensis, Eboracensis diocœsis, Discreto viro Magistro Ricardo de Santon, clerico, Salutem in omnium Salvatore.

The church and we are seised in full and peaceful possession of the sheaves, that is, the thraves of sheaves, commonly called S. John Beverley's thraves, in parishes of Pocklington, Bainton, Weighton, Ferriby, and Wetwang, and all other churches in the diocese of York which have heretofore paid them, issuing out of their lands and tithes, but the rectors and others hinder their collection.

Cum dicta ecclesia nostra Beverlacensis ac nos et singuli canonici ejusdem ecclesiæ ac alii ministri ejusdem nomine ipsius ecclesiæ simus et sint, fuerimus et fuerint, in plena et pacifica, canonica et sufficienti possessione, vel quasi juris, percipiendi, Garbas, videlicet, trabas garbarum, quæ vulgariter nuncupantur travæ ecclesiæ Sancti Johannis Beverlacensis in omnibus et singulis parochiis ecclesiarum de Pokelington, Baynton, Whigton, Feribi, et Wettewang; ac omnium aliarum et singularum ecclesiarum, quæ hujusmodi travas attentius solvere consueverunt, dictæ Eboracensis diocœseos, de parte decimarum, provenientes de terris et culturis existentibus infra parochias ipsarum ecclesiarum a tempore et per tempus, cujus contrarium memoria non existit; ac ipsarum ecclesiarum Rectores per se et alios ac quidam alii, ut intelleximus, nos, in perceptione hujusmodi garbarum et travarum, ac ministros nostros impedire, molestare, et inquietare molliuntur, et graviter comminantur;

We therefore authorise you to coerce those who disturb our rights by all legitimate ecclesiastical censures.

Nos de vestris circumspectione et industria plenius confidentes ad defendendum jura ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ, et nostra ejusdem nomine nobis competentia, circa perceptionem et dispositionem dictarum trabarum per quascunque censuras ecclesiasticas licitas contra quoscunque hujusmodi jurium nostrorum impeditores seu perturbantes, monitionibus legitimis præmissis (servato juris ordine et processu, qui in hoc casu de jure requiritur), vobis vices nostras committimus, cum cohercionis canonicæ potestate; mandantes quatinus de hiis, quæ feceritis in præmissis, nos reddere curetis debite certiores. Valete.

Datis Beverlaci ij Nonas Augusti anno Domini millesimo ccc^{mo} tricesimo quarto.

Clerici missi ad ordines.

vij. b. 2.—Memorandum quod xij Kalendas Octobris A.D. supradicto missi fuerunt [etc.] videlicet

1334.
20 Sept.
Orders,

Johannes de Lunde de Beverlaco ad ordinem acolitatus.

Johannes Barker de Beverlaco, Willelmus de Rosse, Rogerus de Gartona, Robertus de Setryngtona, et Johannes de Brun, ad ordinem subdiaconatus; et Robertus de Brumpton, ad ordinem diaconatus; Simon de Merfleet et Henricus de Halsam ad ordinem presbiteratus.

1 Acolyte.
5 Subdeacons.
1 Deacon.
2 Priests.

Et prædictus Simon de Merflet non stetit per totum tempus; attamen Dominus Nicholaus de Hugat illum licentiavit.

S. of Marfleet had not stayed a whole year as Deacon but was licensed by N. of Huggate.

* *Littera Domini Regis graciosa pro travis solvendis ecclesiæ Beverlacensi sine impedimento aliquali.*

viij.—Willelmus permissione divina Eboracensis Archiepiscopus, Angliæ primas, dilecto filio officiali curiæ nostræ Eboracensis, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem.

1334.
7 Oct.
Gracious letter of the King for payment of thraves.

Litteras excellentissimi principis et domini nostri Edwardi, Dei gratia Regis Angliæ illustris, Domini Hiberniæ, et Ducis Aquitaniæ, recepimus, verborum qui sequitur sub tenore:

Abp. William (Melton) to the official of the Court of York

Al honorable pier en Dieu, W. per la meismes grace Ercevesque d'Everwike, primat d'Engleterre, salutes.

sends on letters from the King in French, as follows.

Cum nadgers eussioms mandets nos lettres as ascouns Priours et persones des eglises de la desnee de Herthill deinz votre dioceise, chargeant eaux q'ils reen temptassent contre les chanoignes et ministres del eglise seynt Johan de Beverle en drayt de les traves, quels il ount resceu et eu peisiblement, du temps dont il nad memoire, du donne de nos progenitours, et per confermement de nos auncestres et de nous, et eyoms entendus que nent countresteiauntes nos dicts lettres ils safforcent a destruoere la dite eglise de Beverle de mesmes son droyte, qest l'almoigne de nos dites progenitours et la notre, et quen chose nous ne voelloms ne nedevons sooffrir (ne vous ne le devets voiller questce prelat de meismes l'eglise et tenus de la sauver et maintenir et garder en tous ses droytes et franchises) vous prioms et chargeoms especialement, qe les dites Priours et persones amohestes per vos lettres

We have formerly sent letters to the Prior and Parsons of churches in your diocese charging them not to do anything to prejudice the Canons, &c., of Beverley in the matter of thraves, but we hear notwithstanding they endeavour to destroy the said church depriving it of its right, the alms of our ancestors and ourselves, wherefore warn the said parsons firmly enjoining them that they surcease from all such misprision and wrong, and suffer the Canons to collect their thraves freely.

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* This page is bound up out of its order after f. xiiij., which is itself out of order.

ferment enjoiniaunts q'ils surseent desore du tout de tieux, mesprisiouns et torts fayre a la dite eglise et soeffrent les dicts chanoignes et ministres fair coiller pasiblement et fraunchement les dicts traves et dicelles ordeyner a lour volente solonct ces qu'ils ont fait en cea.

Dated under Privy Seal 25 Sept. 18° Edward III.

Donne souts nostre prive seal a Westmoustier le xxv jour de Septembre lan de notre Regne eytisme.

We stirred by the King's commands, who intends prompt remedy by his laws against all malignantly trespassing on the liberties of the church of S. John and his alms called S. John's thraves, and fearing lest in our time the rights which have come down from time immemorial should by our negligence be extinguished or diminished, and have to render account thereof at the day of judgment;

Nos vero regiis mandatis et precibus excitati, qui jura ecclesiæ nostræ Beati Johannis Beverlacensis et libertates ejusdem, elemosinamque suam quæ travæ Beati Johannis nuncupantur, contra quoscunque malignantes adversus eam, jure suo regio affectat,* ut tenetur, promptis remediis dispensare: Et ne nos temporibus nostris dicta jura et libertates in toto vel in parte, quod absit, ex negligentia seu tolerantia temere permittamus, in exterminium prolabi, aut dampnabiliter incidere in ruinam, unde pariter id maledictionis quod a dicti Sancti cultoribus in eo eventu reportaremus tanta non immerito segnities in extremo divini judicii examine de nostris manibus requireretur, nec offensam Dei conniventia evadere crederemus, dum integra perceptio travarum de quibus præmittitur et pacifica possessio earumdem, quæ per dictam ecclesiam et ejus ministros sic fuit et est optenta, a tempore et per tempus cujus contrarii memoria non existit, nostra tepescente vigilantia et pastorali solicitudine dormiente, in dubium nostris temporibus, quæ certa semper hactenus fuit, hominum possit malitiis revocari, aut, quod abnuat Omnipotens, in aliquo mutilari.

We command you to enjoin all Rectors of the churches of Harthill that they neither directly nor indirectly, openly or secretly, obstruct the sale and collection of the thraves, &c.,

Vobis firmiter injungentes mandamus quatinus omnes et singulos Rectores ecclesiarum de Herthill in virtute sanctæ obedientiæ nobis juratæ nominatim cum præsentes fuerint, vel procuratores eorumdem, sub pœna canonicæ districtionis legitime moneatis et efficaciter induci faciatis, quod circa collectionem, venditionem, perceptionem, seu quamvis aliam dispositionem dictarum travarum præfatæ ecclesiæ nostræ Beati Johannis Beverlacensis canonicos seu ministros, aut per eos, vel eorum aliquem deputatos seu deputandos, de cetero clam nec palam per se, alium nec alios, directe vel indirecte impediant, molestent quomodolibet nec perturbent :

not putting their sickles in another's crop.

Immo deinceps ab omnimodis impedimentis molestiis et perturbationibus hujusmodi se cohibeant et desistant, advertentes quantæ sit virtutis unumquemque suis finibus contentari, falcesque suas in messem non immittere alienam.

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* A mistake of scribe probably for jure suo regio affectantes ut tenemur.

Et quid in præmissis feceritis, qualiterque dicti Rectores responderint in hoc casu, et quid finaliter facere voluerint in hac parte Nos una cum nominibus huic monitioni vestræ, immo potius nostræ, non parentium cum ea celeritate qua poteritis, et per Capitulum Beverlacense requisiti fueritis, reddere curetis debite certiores, ut dictum Dominum nostrum Regem super hiis valeamus plenius informare, ad illum effectum ut intendit.

Let us know what you do and the names of those who disobey.

Nosque dicta jura et libertates ecclesiæ nostræ memoratæ, ad quos forti vinculo astricti sumus, sicut nostis, integra, illæsa, at etiam illibata, divina favente clementia nostris semper temporibus conservemus.

Valete. Datis apud Lanum, Nonis Octobris A.D. millesimo ccc^{mo} tricesimo quarto et Pontificatus nostri decimo octavo.

Dated at Laneham.

Littera non residentiæ.

1334. 14 oct. Chapter to Henry Bassett, Chancellor of the Minster.

vij. b. 3.—Capitulum [etc.] dilecto nobis in Christo Domino Henrico Bassett, Cancellario ecclesiæ prædictæ, Salutem in auctore salutis.

Vestris precibus inclinati vobis licentiam absentandi a die translationis Sancti Benedicti anno Domini millesimo ccc^{mo} tricesimo quarto usque ad finem anni totaliter completi; eo non obstante quod ad personalem residentiam et continuam efficaciter estis astrictus, tenore præsentium quatinus ad vos attinet indulgemus.

Leave of absence for a year from 21 April.

Proviso quod ecclesia nostra in hiis quæ in ea ad vestrum spectant officium interim non fraudetur; et quod in eadem ecclesia in vestra absentia procuratorem ydoneum habeatis, qui in omnibus et singulis officium vestrum contingentibus debite respondeat loco vestro.

Datis Beverlaci ij Idus Octobris anno Domini supradicto.

Clerici missi ad ordines.

133$\frac{4}{5}$. 8 March. Orders.

viij. 2nd ser. b. 1.—Memorandum quod viij Idus Martii, A.D. millesimo ccc^{mo} tricesimo quarto missi fuerunt [etc.].

Johannes Jordan ad ordinem acolitatus;
Johannes Asilyoht de Elveley ad ordinem subdiaconatus;
Et Johannes del Yle, ad ordinem diaconatus;

1 Acolyte.
1 Subdeacon.
1 Deacon.

The acolyte not ordained as he did not dare to cross the Humber because of the weather.

Et dictus Johannes Jordan non ordinatus revenit, quia non audebat transfretare Humbriam propter tempestatem.

Admissio Magistri Willelmi de Scorburgh.

1335. 6 April. Master William of Scorborough admitted to corrody called Berfelles on resignation of Simon Virley and presentation of Nicholas of Huggate, Provost.

x. i.—viij Idus Aprilis anno Domini millesimo ccc^{mo} tricesimo quinto Magistri Willelmus de Scorburgh, clericus, comparuit coram Capitulo cum litteris Domini Nicholai de Hugate, Præpositi ecclesiæ Beati Johannis Beverlacensis, quorum tenor talis est:

Venerabili Capitulo ecclesiæ Beati Johannis Beverlacensis Nicholaus de Hugate, Præpositus ejusdem ecclesiæ, Salutem in amplexibus Salvatoris.

Quia corrodium quod dicitur berfelles quod fuit Domini Symonis Virli in ecclesia Beati Johannis Beverlacensis prædicta in nostris manibus et coram nobis per ejusdem Domini Symonis resignationem spontaneam vacans, et ad nostram spectans collationem, Dilecto clerico nostro Magistro Willelmo de Scorburgh de Beverlaco contulimus, intuitu caritatis;

Vos requirimus et rogamus quatinus prædictum Magistrum Willelmum ad dictum corrodium admittere velitis in personamque ejusdem modo consueto quod vestrum est ulterius exequentes. Valete.

Datis Beverlaci decimo die mensis Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo ccc^{mo} tricesimo quinto.

Quibus lectis prædictus Magister Willelmus per dictum Capitulum extiterat ad dictum corrodium admissus, juramento præstito consueto, ac stallo per Sub-præcentorem in choro eidem assignato; in spiritualibus per librum et in temporalibus per panem canonice extitit institutus.

Missio Domini Thomæ de Hugat cum vexillo Sancti Johannis.

1335. 29 June. Chapter of Beverley to Edward III.

Thomas of Huggate, chaplain, sent with banner

viij. (2nd ser.) b. 3.—A tres noble prince, nostre seigneur sire Edward, par la grace de Dieu roy Dengleterre seigneur Dirlande, et Duche Daquitayn, les soens chapelayns de chapitre de seint Johan de Beverle, oveske la benison dieux, totes maners de reverences et honors.

Tres douce seygnour nos envoyoms la baner seinte Johan per Thomas de Hugat, nostre chapellayne, portour de cestes lettres, laqel voillez doucement, seygnour, receyver, en bone devocion et en grant humilite com vostre bon ael solayt faire, et fiablement espeirer de la grace de dieux en vos affayres per layde de seinte Johan, per qi ayde le Roy Adelstane votre ancestre, et votre ael avantdit conquistront tote Escoces.

of S. John of Beverley; by whose aid King Athelstan your ancestor, and your grandfather, conquered the whole of Scotland.

Et nous qi somes les chapellayns seint Johan et le voz selom nostre pouer prieroms pour vous, que Dieù per sa mercie vous save et touz le vos, et meyn et remayne seyns et saufs, et vous doygne sa grace en tous vos affayrs.

Escrite a Beverley le iour des Apostres seyntez Petre et Paule, l'an nostre seygnour Jesu Criste, mile trecentes trents et quinte *et regni Regis Edwardi iij nono.

Admissio Magistri Willelmi de Bredon.

1335. 13 Aug. Presentation of Master William of Bredon to the Rectorship of Beverley Grammar School on death of Geoffrey of Whitby, by Henry Bassett, Chancellor of the Minster.

viij. (2nd ser.) b. 2.—Venerabili Capitulo ecclesiæ Beati Johannis Beverlacensis Henricus Bassett, Cancelarius (*sic*) ejusdem ecclesiæ, Salutem, obedientiam, reverentiam et honorem.

Vestræ discretioni reverendæ tenore præsentium duximus significandum, nos Magistro Willelmo de Bredon de Beverlaco, regimen scolarum gramaticalium per mortem Magistri Galfridi de Whiteby nuper Rectoris earumdem vacantium, caritatis intuitu contulisse,

Quocirca discretionem vestram requirimus et rogamus quatinus circa eundem ulterius exequamini, si placet, quod vobis in hac parte incumbit.

Vigeat et valeat vestra prosperitas diu in Domino.

Datis Lincolniæ die Dominica proxima ante festum Assumptionis Beatæ Mariæ Virginis anno Domini m^{o}ccc^{mo} tricesimo quinto.

Dated Lincoln.

Littera non residentiæ.

1335. 29 Sept. Chapter to Master William of Scorbrough, Berfellar.

x. (2nd ser) 2.—Capitulum ecclesiæ Beati Johannis Beverlacensis Dilecto nobis in Christo Magistro Willelmo de Scorburgh de Beverlaco, clerico Berfellario ecclesiæ memoratæ, Salutem in auctore salutis.

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* These last words are added in a later hand.

Licence of non-residence for a year on request of Sir Robert of Scorbrough, knight, notwithstanding obligation to reside: Provided the church be not defrauded of any due, and a sufficient proxy be left.

Precibus nobilis viri Domini Roberti de Scorburgh, militis, nobis pro te specialiter factis favorabiliter inclinati, ut a die præsentium per unum annum continuum a dicta ecclesia nostra te valeas absentare, tibi licentiam concedimus specialem, eo non obstante quod ad personalem residentiam et continuam efficaciter es astrictus: Proviso tamen quod eadem ecclesia nostra in hiis quæ in ea ad tuum spectant officium, dicto anno durante, nullatenus defraudetur, in eademque in tua absentia procuratorem dimittas sufficienter instructum, qui in omnibus et singulis tuum officium contingentibus respondeat loco tuo, prout decet. Valete.

Datis Beverlaci iij Kalendas Octobris anno Domini millesimo tricesimo quinto.

Admissio Willelmi de Maltona de Hugate.

1335.
28 Oct.
Admission by Nicholas of Huggate, and Hugh of Teesdale representing the Chapter,

x. (2nd ser.) 5.—v Kalendas Novembris anno Domino supradicto Willelmus de Maltona de Hugat comparuit coram Capitulo, Domino Nicholao de Hugat et Domino Auditore causarum Capituli Beverlacensis, viz. Magistro Hugone de Tesdale dictum Capitulum repræsentantibus; et porrexit eidem Capitulo litteras Domini Præpositi in hæc verba :

Venerabili Capitulo ecclesiæ Beati Johannis Beverlacensis, Nicholaus de Hugat Præpositus ejusdem ecclesiæ Salutem in amplexibus Salvatoris.

of William of Malton of Huggate to the office of Mason, vacant by death of William de la Mare, on presentation of Nicholas of Huggate, Provost.

Cum nos officium Latomi in ecclesia Beati Johannis prædicta per mortem Willelmi de la Mare nuper vacans dilecto nobis in Christo Willelmo de Malton de Hugate contulerimus intuitu caritatis, Vos requirimus et rogamus quatinus eundem Willelmum ad officium prædictum admittatis, et in corporalem possessionem ejusdem inducatis, seu etiam induci faciatis, ulteriusque quod vestrum est circa ipsum velitis exequi effectualiter in hac parte. Valete.

Datis Beverlaci in festo Apostolorum Symonis (*sic*) anno Domini millesimo ccc^{mo} tricesimo quinto.

Quibus lectis prædictus Willelmus de Malton per dictum Capitulum extiterat admissus juxta consuetudinem ecclesiæ antedictæ.

Admissio Domini Johannis de Hornesse junioris ad cantariam Altaris Sanctæ Katerinæ.

x. b.—Pateat universis per præsentes quod nos Capitulum ecclesiæ Beati Johannis Beverlacensis litteras recepimus infrascriptas.

1335.
15 Nov.
We the Chapter have had the following letter:

Suis Dominis reverendis, Venerabili Capitulo ecclesiæ Beati Johannis Beverlacensis, sui humiles et devoti capellani Johannes de Hornese, Thomas de Grymesby, Johannes de Rosse, Thomas de Hugat, Rogerus Jordan, Ricardus de Kyllom et Gregorius de Pokelington, vicarii septem majorum Canonicorum ecclesiæ memoratæ, Obedientiam, reverentiam et honorem.

John of Hornsea and 6 others, Chaplains, Vicars of the 7 Senior Canons to the Chapter.

Ad cantariam quam Dominus Johannes Pynder habuit in ecclesia antedicta, per resignationem ejusdem vacantem et ad nostram præsentationem spectantem, dilectum nobis in Christo Dominum Johannem de Hornesse juniorem vestræ dominationi reverendæ præsentamus, supplicantes humiliter et devote quatinus præfatum Dominum Johannem ad dictam cantariam admittere dignemini, intuitu caritatis, et perpetuum capellanum instituere in ea; et quod vestrum est ulterius circa ipsum exequi cum favore. Valeat vestra dominatio reverenda per tempora prospera et longæva.

We present to the chantry lately resigned by John Pynder, John of Hornsea junior.

Datis Beverlaci sub sigillo nostro communi xviij Kalendas Decembris A.D. millesimo ccc^{mo} tricesimo quinto.

1335.
14 Nov. 1335.
Under vicars' common seal.

Harum super virtute litterarum dictum Dominum Johannem ad dictam cantariam secundum formam ordinationis inde factæ admisimus et instituimus perpetuum Capellanum in eadem; præstitoque ab eodem juramento ipsum in corporalem possessionem dictæ cantariæ induci fecimus, ut decebat. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum.

In virtue of these letters we have admitted the said John to the said chantry.

Datis Beverlaci xvij Kalendas Decembris A.D. supradicto.

Hotham.

x. b. 2.—Memorandum, quod die Stephani in tempore Natalis Domini anno ejusdem Domini millesimo ccc^{mo} trecesimo quinto, Matilda, relicta Johannis Trehow defuncti,

1335.
26 Dec.
Probate of will of John Trehow granted

to his widow Matilda.

comparuit coram Auditore causarum Capituli, cum testamento dicti Johannis, Testibus juratis et examinatis super eodem testamento, ac dicto testamento in forma juris legitime probato, dicta Matilda administrationem bonorum dicti defuncti tanquam principalis executrix recepit in forma juris.

Clerici missi ad ordines.

133⅚. 13 March. Orders.

Henry of Grimsby to the order of acolyte: 3 to the order of Subdeaconry: 4 to the order of Deaconry and John de Lyle to the order of Priesthood.

x. b. 3.—Memorandum, quod iij Idus Martii A.D. supradicto missi fuerunt ad ordines clerici infrascripti, viz.:

Henricus de Grimesby ad ordinem accolitatus;

Stephanus de Rosse, Johannes de Lunde de Beverlaco et Johannes Jordan de eadem ad ordinem subdiaconatus;

Johannes le Barker de Beverlaco, Johannes de Brunn, Johannes de Elveley et Robertus de Setrington ad ordinem diaconatus, et Johannes delyle ad ordinem presbiteratus.

1336. 26 March. Admission of Gregory of Pocklington, chaplain, to Vicar-choralship of prebend of S. Martin on presentation of Canon John of Nassington, Prebendary;

vacant by death of William of Swine.

viij. (2nd ser.) b. 4.—Universis pateat per præsentes quod Nos Capitulum ecclesiæ Beati Johannis Beverlacensis ad præsentationem reverendi et discreti viri Johannis de Nassington, concanonici et confratris nostri, et præbendæ Sancti Martini in eadem ecclesia nostra præbendarii, Dominum Gregorii (*sic*) de Pokelington capellanum, ad vicariam præbendæ suæ prædictæ in ecclesia memorata per resignationem Domini Willelmi de Swyne ultimi vicarii vacantem, in forma consueta admisimus, et instituimus perpetuum vicarium canonice in eadem; ac ipsum assignato sibi stallo in choro, necnon etiam omnibus ceteris debitis et consuetis in hac parte plenius observatis, prout consuetudo ecclesiæ prædictæ exigit et requirit, in possessionem dictæ vicariæ cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis induximus corporalem.

In cujus rei testimonium, etc.

Datis Beverlaci in Capitulo nostro vij Kalendas Aprilis anno Domini m°ccc° tricesimo quinto.

Clerici missi ad ordines.

1336. 22 May.

xj. b.—Memorandum quod xj Kalendas Junii anno Domini supradicto missi fuerunt ad ordines clerici infrascripti: videlicet,

Henricus de Brun ad ordinem accolitatus;
Ricardus de Keldegate de Beverlaco et Adam Spicer ad ordinem subdiaconatus;
Robertus de Scoreburgh, Willelmus dictus Ulras et Walterus de Sancto Mauro, ad ordinem diaconatus;
ac Willelmus de Rosse ad ordinem presbiteratus.

Orders.
1 Acolyte.
2 Subdeacons.
3 Deacons.
1 Priest.

Clerici missi ad ordines.

Anno Domini m°ccc tricesimo sexto.

$133\frac{6}{7}$.
13 Mar.
Orders.

xi. b. 1.—Memorandum quod iij Idus Martii A.D. supradicto missi fuerunt [etc.]

Willelmus de Frismersh et Hugo de Bekeby ad ordinem accolitatus,
Willelmus de Ryse, ad ordinem subdiaconatus;
Radulphus Bridd de Keldgate, Robertus de Cotringham, Robertus Tunny de Hedon, Johannes de Lunde de Beverlaco, ad ordinem subdiaconatus;
Petrus de Rosse, Johannes le Barker de Beverlaco, ad ordinem presbiteratus.

2 Acolytes.
1 Subdeacon.
4 Deacons.
2 Priests.

Clerici missi ad ordines.

1337.
2 April.
Orders.

xj. b. 2.—Memorandum quod iiij Nonas Aprilis A.D. m°ccc^{mo} tricesimo septimo missi fuerunt [etc.].

Johannes de Ravenser, ad ordinem acolitatus;
Hugo de Bekeby, ad ordinem subdiaconatus;
Robertus de Scorburgh, Ricardus de Hugate, Walterus de Sancto Mauro, Walterus de Hunkelby, ad ordinem presbiteratus.

Sed prædicti Johannes de Ravenser, Hugo de Bekeby, Robertus de Scorburgh et Ricardus fuerunt examinati et revenerunt non ordinati.

1 Acolyte.
1 Subdeacon.
4 Priests;
but the would be Acolyte, Subdeacon, and 2 of the Priests failed in their examination and came back unordained.

Admissio Johannis Thorneton de Coppandale.

1337.
31 May.
John Thornton

cclij.*—Memorandum quod ij Kalendas Junii A.D. millesimo

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* Several leaves have disappeared between this and the last one.

Copandale, merchant of Beverley, admitted Cook in the Bedern, under grant by deed of John, son of Ingelram the Porter:

ccc^{mo} septimo Johannes Thornton Coppandale de Beverlaco, mercator, coram Reverendis viris Domino Nicholao de Hugate, Magistro Dionysio Avenell, Rogero de Nassington, Guilfrido de Croppo Sancti Petri, Domino Ricardo de Otringham, concanonicis, tunc Capitulum facientibus, et Dominis Gregorio de Pokelington et Johanne de Hornese, vicariis, personaliter comparuit;

took the usual oath.

Et fuit admissus et in corporalem possessionem inductus ad officium Coci in Bedernæ Beverlaci cum omnibus juribus et pertinentiis universis; quod quidem officium Johannes filius Ingelrami le Porter sibi dedit et concessit, et per cartam suam feoffavit.

Quo admisso, præstitit juramentum consuetum et debitum.

Clerici missi ad ordines.

1337.
17 Sept.
Orders.

2 Acolytes.
2 Subdeacons.
1 Deacon.

xj. (2nd ser.) b. 6.—Memorandum quod xv Kalendas Octobris A.D. millesimo trecentesimo septimo, missi fuerunt [etc.].

Nicholaus de Swyna, et Johannes de Ravenser, ad ordinem accolitatus;

Laurentius de Dalton, et Thomas de Swyna, ad ordinem subdiaconatus;

Et Johannes Whyte, ad ordinem diaconatus.

Clerici missi ad ordines.

1337.
11 June.
Orders.

1 of each order.

xj. (2nd ser.).—Memorandum quod iij Idus Junii A.D. supradicto missi fuerunt [etc.].

Johannes de Ravenser, ad ordinem accolitatus;

Johannes de Halsam et Hugo de Bekeby, ad ordinem subdiaconatus;

Adam Jordan, ad ordinem diaconatus;

Robertus de Scorburgh, Ricardus de Hugate, ad ordinem presbiteratus.

Ministri Bedernæ.

133$\frac{7}{8}$.
13 Jan.

xj. b.—Memorandum quod Idibus Januarii A.D. millesimo ccc^{mo}xxxvij^{o} Willelmus Perchet, Henricus Claviger, Simon Braciator, Johannes Clote et Ricardus minister suus, comparuerunt coram Capitulo et fuerunt jurati Capitulo quod quilibet eorum fideliter administrabit in officio suo.

Servants of the Bedern sworn in before the Chapter.

Benteley.

$133\frac{7}{8}$.
21 Jan.

Memorandum quod die Mercurii proxima ante festum Sancti Vincentis, anno Domini, m^{o}ccc^{mo} tricesimo septimo, Johannes Page de Benteley, Willelmus Page et Thomas, fratres dicti Johannis, Thomas de Langton, cyssor, et Robertus Bolor junior de Resceby, citati personaliter ad instantiam officii nostri, causam rationabilem si quam habeant, quare in sententiam majoris excommunicationis [etc.]; coram nobis Auditore personaliter comparuerunt, nilque proposito ex parte eorumdem, inducias petierunt, pro eo, quod layci sunt: unde datus est dies Sabbati proxime sequens gratiose ad idem, petita prius copia citacionis, et decreta; quo die, præsentibus personaliter, comparuerunt, negantes factum, et petierunt se admitti ad purgationem, et gratiose se purgaverunt, et fuerunt dimissi ab impetratione officii.

Page of Bentley and other laymen cited *ex officio* ask for time till Saturday following and copy of citation; it is granted:

on Saturday they are admitted to purgation, and case dismissed.

Benteley Resceby.

21 Jan.

xij.—Die Mercurii proxima ante festum Sancti Vincentii, anno Domini supradicto, Johannes Page de Benteley, Willelmus et Thomas, fratres ejusdem Johannis, Thomas de Langton, cissor, et Robertus Bolor junior citati ad instantiam Roberti, filii Thomæ de Resceby, Margerie uxoris suæ, Willelmi et Adæ filiorum dicti Roberti coram nobis, Auditore causarum Capituli Beverlacensis, personaliter comparuerunt: et quia dictus Robertus filius Thomæ et uxor sua cum filiis noluerunt procedere contra Johannem Page et consocios superius notatos, dictus Johannes et consorii sui fuerunt dimissi cum protestatione expensarum.

John Page of Bentley, two brothers, Thomas of Langton, shearman, and Robert Bolor, junior, summoned by Robert son of Thomas of Beverley, his wife and 2 sons, but as they would not proceed, dismissed, with protest as to costs.

Acta in Capitulo

$133\frac{7}{8}$.
25 Jan.
Chapter.

xij. 2.—viij Kalendas Februarii anno Domini m^{o}ccc^{mo} xxxvij^{o}.

Johanna of the Dairy, cited by John of Wetwang, Alice of Hoyden: John Serjeant of Burstwick, her husband appears for her.

Johanna de la Vachery, citata ad instantiam Domini Johannis de Wettewang, tutoris, Aliciæ filiæ Ricardi de Hoyden, minoris, non comparuit: sed Johannes Serviens de Brustwyke, maritus dictæ Johannæ, et defendebat illam, et ratificabit factum suum sub pœna dimidii marcæ. Proposito articulo cujus tenor talis est:

In Dei nomine, Amen. Alicia filia Ricardi de Hoyden minor, nomine tutoris, etc.

Next day promised to deliver the goods on pain of excommunication.

Datus est dies crastinus parti reæ ad deliberandum et utrique, etc. Quo die pars actrix comparuit ut supra, pars rea personaliter, et ratificavit factum dicti Johannis, et fa[tetur] bona et liberavit bona supradicta die crastino, sub pœna excommunicationis.

133$\frac{7}{8}$.
25 Jan.
William of Weel to pay 4s. 6d. to Richard of Ottringham within 3 days.

viij Kalendas Februarii A.D. supradicto Willelmus de Wele condempnatur Domino Ricardo de Otringham in iiij^{s} vj^{d}, solvendis infra triduum.

Three persons suspended for not appearing when summoned.

Ricardus filius Hugonis, Issabell Popel, Thomas de Burton, citati ad instantiam Roberti de Scorburgh, carnificis, non comparuerunt, ideo suspensi et citati.

Littera concessa Magistro Antonio de Goldesburgh super admissione sua ad præbendam Sancti Jacobi.

Admissio Magistri Antonii de Goldesburgh ad præbendam Sancti Jacobi.

1338.
6 July.

clj. 1.—Universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, ad quorum notitiam præsentes litteræ pervenerint, Capitulum [etc.], Salutem in Dominum sempiternam.

Mr. Anthony of Goldsborough admitted to S. James' prebend, after death of Nich. Huggate, in virtue of Papal provision.

Vestra noverit Universitas Dominum Nicholaum de Hugate, canonicum dudum et præbendarium præbendæ S. Jacobi in ecclesia [etc.] in vigilia Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ A.D. millesimo ccc^{mo} tricesimo octavo diem suum clausit extremum.

Ac die Jovis proximo post idem festum Nativitatis [etc.] procurator reverendi viri Magistri Antonii de Goldesburgh, canonici præfatæ ecclesiæ, [*MS. torn*] dictam præbendam Altaris S. Jacobi per mortem dicti Domini Nicholai, ut præmittitur, vacantem, nomine dicti Magistri [*MS. torn*] in ecclesia Beati Petri Eboracensis, coram reverendo viro Magistro Johanne de Warenna, canonico prædictæ ecclesiæ, [*MS. torn*] executoria Magistrorum Thomæ Fastulf, executoris principalis gratiæ et provisionis dicto Magistro Anto [*MS. torn*] factarum, Magistro Johanne de Bukthorp, publico notario, et aliis, testibus ad hoc specialiter rogatis et vocatis.

[*MS. torn*] atione in quodam instrumento publico per dictum Magistrum Johannem de Bukthorp, publicum notarium, super [*MS. torn*] præbendæ S. Jacobi facto plenius continetur; prout nobis qui dictum publicum instrumentum [*MS. torn*] nobis ostensum prima facie apparuit, canonice acceptavit.

Necnon prædictæ acceptationis notifica [*MS. torn*] Johannis de Warenna, subexecutor prædictus, dicto Magistro Antonio in persona procuratoris sui et dicto [*MS. torn*] prædicti domini sui, juris ordine qui si hac parte præquiritur in omnibus observato, dictam præbendam S. Jacobi [*MS. torn*] ipsius vacantem, et per dictum procuratorem in forma prædicta legitime acceptatam, coram dicto notario [*MS. torn*] rogatus specialiter et vocatus, dicto die Jovis in ecclesia Beati Petri prædicti canonice contulit, et [*MS. torn*] suo, prout moris est, legistime investivit.

Consequentique die Veneris tunc proximo subsequenti dictus [Magister] Johannes [etc.] ad supradictam ecclesiam Beati Johannis Beverlacensis personaliter accedens dictum Magistrum Antonium in personam procuratoris sui, et ipsum procuratorem nomine domini sui, in corporalem possessionem dictæ præbendæ S. Jacobi induxit et installavit, in præsentia dicti Magistri Johannis de Bukthorpe, notarii antedicti, et aliorum testium ad hoc rogatorum specialiter et vocatis; bulla et processu integro gratiæ dicti Magistri Antonii ibidem primo ostensis et visis, et pro parte lectis.

Super omnibus et singulis prout superius ad plenum denotantur, instrumentis publicis penes præfatam partem dicti Magistri Antonii habitis, jam extitit nobis plena fides.

Ac nos visis præsentibus et intellectis, dictum Magistrum Antonium in personam procuratoris sui in sæpedictam præbendam S. Jacobi canonice admisimus, ipsumque in personam procuratoris sui in corporalem possessionem ejusdem præbendæ die Sabbati proximo post festum Nativitatis [etc.]

A.D. supradicto induximus, ac prout moris est, secundum jura et consuetudines ecclesiæ [etc.] installavimus justitia exigente.

cj. b. 1.—Insuper dictus Magister Antonius die Veneris proximo ante festum Translationis S. Thomæ Martiris A.D. supradicto in ecclesia [etc.] personaliter comparuit, ac ibidem ex habundanti secundum formam constitutionis ecclesiæ [etc.] in habitu competenti et decenti per nos Capitulum supradictum in concanonicum et in fratrem ecclesiæ [etc.] admissus extitit, necnon in corporalem possessionem præfatæ præbendæ altaris S. Jacobi, in spiritualibus per librum, in temporalibus vero per panem et cervisiam loco in Capitulo et stallo in choro sibi assignatis, prout moris est, secundum juris exigentiam pacifice et plene, et sufficienter extitit inductus.

In quorum omnium testimonium sigillum nostrum ad citationes et petitiones faciendas, præsentibus duximus apponendum.

Datis Beverlaci in Capitulo nostro sexto die mensis Julii anno Domini supradicto.

[*Will of Provost and Canon Nicholas of Huggate.*]

1338.
13 July.
Probate of Will of Nicholas of Huggate, clerk. (date of will not given).

xij. b. 2.—In nomine Sanctæ et individuæ Trinitatis Patris, Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

Ego Nicholaus de Hugate, clericus, sanus mente et corpore, testamentum meum condo in hunc modum.

Body to be buried in Minster.

In primis, lego animam meam Deo et Beatæ Mariæ Virgini et omnibus sanctis, et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia Beati Johannis Beverlacensis.

£100 sterling for expenses of burial and gifts to you.

Item lego pro expensis funeralibus die sepulturæ meæ et ad luminaria et alia necessaria, et ad erogandum pauperibus centum libras sterlingorum.

Executors within a month of death to hire 60 chaplains, seculars, to celebrate con-

Item volo et injungo executoribus testamenti mei præsentis, quod ipsi statim post mortem meam, videlicet, infra mensem a die notitionis mortis meæ conducant sexaginta * capellanos stipendiarios seculares, bonæ opinionis et famæ, ad celebrandum pro anima mea continuo per totum annum sequentem; et ad hoc etiam, ad dicendum cotidie, durante anno illo, commendationem, et placebo et dirige, unusquisque eorum obligetur per juramentum et in verbo Dei respiciendo sancta Dei evangelia; et ad stipendia capellanorum illorum lego ducentas libras sterlingorum.

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* These 60 chaplains to pray for a whole year, is the largest provision of the kind that I have come across. What had Huggate done ?

tinuously for the whole year following: and each to be sworn to say Daily Commendation, Placebo and Dirige for soul.

£200 for their wages.

Item, lego fabricæ ecclesiæ Beati Petri Eboracensis unum palafridum meum vel decem marcas sterlingorum.

To fabric of York Minster a palfrey or 10 marks.

Item, lego fabricæ ecclesiæ Beati Johannis Beverlacensis unum palafridum meum vel decem marcas sterlingorum.

To fabric of Beverley the same.

Item, lego fabricæ ecclesiæ Beatæ Mariæ Lincolniensis decem marcas sterlingorum.

To fabric of Lincoln Minster the same.

Item, lego fabricæ ecclesiæ Sancti Martini Magni Londoniensis centum solidos sterlingorum.

To fabric of S. Martin-le-Grand, London, 100s.

Item, lego cuilibet vicario chori Beati Petri Eboracensis tres solidos: item lego cuilibet diacono et subdiacono ejusdem ecclesiæ duos solidos; item lego cuilibet puero chori ejusdem ecclesiæ sex denarios.

To every vicar choral at York 3s.; deacon and subdeacon 2s.; chorister 6d.

Item, lego cuilibet vicario chori ecclesiæ Sancti Johannis Beverlacensis tres solidos; item cuilibet diacono et subdiacono et acolito ejusdem ecclesiæ duodecim denarios.

To every vicar choral of Beverley 3s.; deacon, subdeacon, and acolyte 1s.

Item, lego fabricæ ecclesiæ de Hugate quinque marcas sterlingorum; item, lego eidem ecclesiæ unum novum missale notatum cum tropario, et unum portiforium magnum de usu Eboracensi.

To church of Huggate 5 marks; a new Missal with music, tropar, and a big breviary of York use.

Item, lego fratribus prædicatoribus Eboraci viginti solidos; fratribus minoribus Eboraci viginti solidos; fratribus Sancti Augustini Eboraci, unam marcam; fratribus de Monte Carmeli Eboraci, unam marcam.

To Friars Preachers and Minorites at York, 20s.; to Augustinian and Carmelite friars, a mark.

Item, lego fratribus prædicatoribus Beverlaci viginti solidos, et fratribus minoribus ejusdem villæ Beverlaci, viginti solidos.

To Friars Preachers, and Minorites of Beverley, 20s.

Item lego fratribus Sancti Augustini de Kyngeston-super-Hull unam marcam et fratribus de Monte Carmeli ejusdem villæ unam marcam.

To Augustinian and Carmelite Friars of Hull, a mark.

Item lego fratribus prædicatoribus villæ de Skardburgh, viginti solidos, et fratribus minoribus ejusdem villæ, viginti

To Friars Preachers and Minorites of

Scarborough 20s.; to Carmelites a mark.

solidos, et fratribus de Monte Carmeli ejusdem villæ, unam marcam.

Friars Preachers of Pontefract 20s.

Item, lego fratribus prædicatoribus de Pontefracto, viginti solidos.

To William of Malton a horse and piece of plate with cover.

Item lego Willelmo de Malton unum equum et unam peciam cum co-operculo.

To sister Alice £20 of silver, 2 silver cups, 4 cows, and 100 sheep.

Item lego Aliciæ, sorori meæ, viginti libras argenti et duos ciphos platos argenti, quatuor vaccas et centum bidentes.

To her daughter Margaret 5 marks, a piece of plate, 2 cows, 6 silver spoons.

Item lego Margaritæ filiæ suæ quinque marcas argenti et unam peciam argenti, duas vaccas et sex coclearia argentea.

To Alina, daughter of Nicholas Oobay, 20s. and a cow; to her sisters Alice and Ellen the same.

Item lego Alinæ filiæ Nicholai Oobay, viginti solidos et unam vaccam. Item lego Aliciæ sorori suæ viginti solidos et unam vaccam. Item lego Elenæ sorori suæ viginti solidos et unam vaccam.

To Alice Yong the same.

To John, son of Oobay 40s. and a cow.

Item lego Aliciæ filiæ Roberti le Yong viginti solidos et unam vaccam. Item lego Johanni filio Nicholai Oobay quadraginta solidos et unam vaccam.

To William Midleton 40s.; his brother John 20s.

Item lego Willelmo de Midelton quadraginta solidos. Item lego Johanni fratri ejusdem Willelmi viginti solidos.

To William, son of W. Attemar, 40s., 2 cows, and 20 sows.

Item lego Willelmo filio Willelmi Attemar quadraginta solidos et duas vaccas et viginti sues matrices.

To John, vicar of Asgarby, 5 marks, 50 ewes.

Item lego Domino Johanni vicario de Asgarthby quinque marcas et quinquaginta oves matrices.

To Avice, widow of John at Friars, 20s. and cow.
To his son Hugh a mark.

Item lego Aviciæ quondam uxori Johannis ad Fratres viginti solidos et unam vaccam. Item lego Hugoni filio Johannis ad Fratres unam marcam.

To William, son of Nicholas at the Spring, a mark; his sisters, Alice and Mariot, 10s. each.

Item lego Willelmo filio Nicholai ad fontem unam marcam. Item lego Aliciæ, sorori suæ, decem solidos. Item lego Mariotæ, sorori suæ, decem solidos.

To William, son of Cecily Attemar, 1 mark.

Item lego Willelmo filio Ceciliæ Attemar unam marcam.

To poor relations 10 marks as sister Alice directs.

Item lego ad distribuendum inter pauperes parentes meos quibus nihil legavi in præsenti testamento meo, secundum ordinationem Aliciæ sororis meæ, decem marcas.

Item lego Domino Johanni de Sex Vallibus, capellano, viginti solidos. Item lego capellano parochiæ de Hugate unam marcam. Item lego clerico parochiæ de Hugate tres solidos.

To John of Thixendale, chaplain, 20s.

To chaplain of Huggate 1 mark; parish clerk 3s.

Item lego fatribus minoribus de Doncastre viginti solidos.

To Friars Minors of Doncaster 20s.

Item lego fratribus Sancti Augustini de Tykhill, unam marcam.

Augustinians of Tickhill a mark.

Memorandum quod iij Id. Julii anno Domini millesimo trescentesimo tricesimo octavo coram *

Taxatio domorum præbendæ altaris Sancti Jacobi.

1338.
15 July.

cclj. b. 2.—Memorandum quod Idibus Julii A.D. millesimo ccc^mo tricesimo octavo Capitulum [etc.] ad instantiam et petitionem Domini Johannis de Weltwang, procuratoris reverendi viri Magistri Antonii de Goldesburg, præbendarii præbendæ altaris S. Jacobi in ecclesia [etc.] injunxit Dominis Johanni de [*MS. torn*] de Grymesbi, Johanni de Benigholm, Hugoni de Otringham, Thomæ de Hugate, Johanni de [*MS. torn*] Gregorio de Pokelington et Roberto de Stelforth, vicariis; Roberto de Wellwyke, et aliis beneficiatis, necnon Hugoni pistori et aliis laycis infra jurisdictionem Capituli Beverlacensi commorantibus, ut [*MS torn*] dictæ præbendæ S. Jacobi personaliter accederent et tractarent in quo statu Dominus [*MS. torn*] ultimus præbendarius ejusdem dictam præbendam et domos ejusdem recepit, et in quo statu ipsas dimisit, quid ad defec [*MS. torn*] a prædecessore suo recepit, quid apposuit, et qui defectus pervenerunt suo tempore:

Assessment of dilapidations of S. James' prebendal mansion.

Qui [*MS. torn*] dictarum domorum ipsos defectus ad duodecim libras taxaverunt.

Dicunt etiam quod dictus Dominus Nicholaus [*MS. torn*] ruinosas tempore quo dictam præbendam admisit, et in meliori et competentiori statu eas [*MS. torn*] tibus dictarum domorum a prædecessore suo [*blank in MS.*] libras habuit, et plus circa reparationem dict [*MS. torn*] tempore suo apposuit prout dicunt.

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* Here the entry, presumably of probate, suddenly breaks off. The space that follows is partly filled by what seems to be a notary's mark, of an elaborate design of interlacing diamonds with trefoil points.

Quas quidem duodecim libras dictus Magister Antonius de [*MS. torn*] dicti Domini Nicholai recepit; de quibus circa reparationem unius cameræ eidem annexæ ex parte occidentali [*MS. torn*] infra præbendam munimentum, sex libras sterlingorum expendidit.

Feribi Wodmanse.

1338. 30 July. Before the Chapter's Assessor.

Richard of Seyce, Peter and Thomas of Woodmansey, Richard of Weel confessed to owing 11 marks 10s. to Richard of Ferriby for tithes of sheaves and hay, and ordered to pay under pain of excommunication.

xiij. 2.—Memorandum, quod iij Kalendas Augusti anno Domini etc. xxxviij, coram nobis Venerabilis Capituli ecclesiæ Beati Johannis Beverlacensis Auditore causarum, Ricardus de Sidese, Petrus de Wodmanse, Ricardus filius Thomæ de eadem, et Ricardus de Wele de eadem personaliter comparuerunt; et fatebantur se teneri Domino Ricardo de Ferribi in undecim marcis, decem solidis, pro decimis garbarum et fœni de Wodmanse et Sidese, solvendis dicto Domino Ricardo, vel ejus certo procuratori ad festa Ascensionis Domini et Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ proxime futura sine ulteriori dilatione.

Ac nos Auditor prædictus confessionem eorumdem secuti, ipsos, et eorumdem quemlibet in solidum, in dictis undecimis marcis et decem solidis prædicto Domino Ricardo terminis prænotatis fideliter solvendis per sententiam præcepti, sub pœna excommunicationis, exnunc prout extunc, in hiis scriptis condempnamus.

Nassington. Conestable.

1338. 18 Aug. Before the Chapter's commissary Marmaduke Constable appeared in person and confessed debt of 3½ marks to Master Roger of Nassington for the thraves of Holme in Spaldingmoor, and was ordered to pay on pain of excommunication.

xiij. 3.—Memorandum quod xv Kalendas Septembris A.D. supradicto, coram nobis etc. Commissario, Marmaducus le Conestable, comparuit personaliter et fatebatur se teneri Magistro Rogero de Nassington, in tribus marcis et dimidio sterlingorum pro travis de Holme in Spaldigmore sibi venditis et liberatis, solvendis eidem Magistro Rogero vel suo certo procuratori ad festa Ascensionis Dominicæ et Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ proximo futura sine ulteriori dilatione, ac nos Commissarius prædictus confessionem spontaneam dicti Marmaduci secuti ipsum in dicta pecunia terminis prænotatis fideliter persolvenda sub pœna excommunicationis, ex nunc prout ex tunc, per sententiam præcepti in hiis scriptis condempnamus.

[*Against the Bedern Miller.*]

xiij. 4.—Te Nigellum, molendinarium de Bederna Beverlacensi, propter tuam manifestam offensam in majori excommunicationis sententia, necnon in reatum perjurii incidisse pronuntiamus in hiis scriptis.

Nigel, miller of the Bedern, pronounced to have incurred the greater excommunication and to be guilty of perjury.

Nassington. Spaldingmore.

xiij. b. 1.—Memorandum quod iij Nonas Octobris A.D. millesimo ccc tricesimo octavo Johannes Pratt de Spaldington, Henricus Power de eadem coram nobis Venerabilis Capituli ecclesiæ Beati Johannis Beverlacensis Auditoris causarum Commissario, juxta confessionem suam spontaneam condempnantur Magistro Rogero de Nassington in sex marcis sterlingorum pro travis Sancti Johannis de Seton gadering in Spaldingmore, sub pœna excommunicationis, per præcepti sententiam; solvendis eidem Magistro Rogero de Nassington vel ejus certo procuratori apud Beverlacum ad festum Ascensionis Domini et festum Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ proximo futura.

1338.
5 Oct.
John Pratt of Spaldington ordered to pay Roger of Nassington 6 marks for thraves of Seton Gadering in Spaldingmoor, on pain of excommunication.

*De cerotecis contribuendis ministris ecclesiæ.**

xiij. b. 2.—In Dei nomine. Auditis et intellectis meritis causæ seu negotii, quæ coram nobis, Auditore causarum Venerabilis Capituli ecclesiæ [etc.] super præstatione et traditione cerothecarum ministris ecclesiæ memoratæ competentium, a Bacularii de novo creandis in scolis gramaticalibus præfatæ ecclesiæ tradendarum, ex nostri officii debito vertebatur; videlicet clerico Capituli et Auditori, unum par, præconi Capituli, unum par, clerico Camerarii; clerico altaris Beatæ Mariæ; clerico tabulam† in choro conficienti; et tribus sacristis ecclesiæ sæpedictæ; cuilibet eorum unum par cerotecarum, ex consuetudine legitima et diutius approbata de jure debitarum,

1338.
Custom of giving gloves by newly created Bachelors in the Beverley Minster Grammar School declared legally binding:

one pair of gloves each, to chapter clerk; to summoner; to the chamberlain's clerk, to the clerk of Our Lady's Altar; to clerks of the table; to each of the three Sacrists or Sextons.

Verum quia dictam consuetudinem coram nobis legitime esse probatam invenimus, dictam consuetudinem de cetero fideliter perpetuis temporibus in præstatione et solutione hujusmodi cerotecarum firmiter observandam; immo omnes

All who infringe

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* A long glove which would extend over the elbow is drawn in margin.

† *i.e.* The clerk whose duty it was to enter on the board hanging up in the choir the names of those who were to serve as Rectores chori, readers of lessons, officiators at masses, and the like for each day.

the custom *ipso facto* excommunicated.

et singulos dictam consuetudinem de cetero infringentes, seu quovismodo violantes in majoris excommunicationis sententiam, quater in anno in præfata ecclesiæ publice et notorie latam ipso facto incidere sententialiter et diffinitive pronuntiamus in hiis scriptis.

Clerici missi ad ordines.

1338. 16 Sept. Orders.

2 Acolytes. 6 Subdeacons. 5 Deacons. 2 Priests.

xiij. (2nd ser.) 5.—Memorandum quod xvj Kalendas Octobris A.D. supradicto missi fuerunt [etc.]:

Willelmus Fourn, et Johannes de Rychemundia de Beverlaco, ad ordinem accolitatus;

Thomas Lax de Northburton, Petrus Idull de Hedon, Willelmus de Frysmark, Willelmus de Strattforth, Nicholaus de Swina de Beverlaco, et Willelmus de Newsom de eadem, ad ordinem subdiaconatus;

Elyas de Walkington, Thomas de Swina, Laurentius de Dalton, Hugo de Bryggstoke, et Hugo de Northburgh, ad ordinem diaconatus;

Robertus de Cotingham et Willelmus de Ryse ad ordinem presbiteratus.

1338. 28 Sept. William of Skelton of Driffield to pay Bertrand de Cardeillac £6 for thraves of Driffield.

xiij. b. 3.—Memorandum quod iiij Kalendas Octobris anno Domini [etc.] octavo; Willelmus de Skelton de Drifeld condempnatur juxta confessionem suam Magistro Bertrando de Cardelhaco in sex libris sterlingorum pro travis de Driffeld solvendis die dominica proxima ante festum Nativitatis Johannis Baptistæ proxime futurum sine ulteriori dilatione; et adhuc est juratus.

1338. Rd. of Boynton, clerk of the berfell, misbehaves with Juliana of Scorbrough, confesses, and is to do what justice demands on 7 Dec.

xiij. b. 4.—Ricardus de Boynton, Clericus de Berfell, fornicatur cum quadam Juliana de Scorburgh.

Comparet et fatetur publice; et habet diem Lunæ proximum post festum Sancti Nicholai proxime futurum ad faciendum quod justum fuerit.

Rd. of the Pek cited for buying and selling in the Minster; and three others.

Ricardus del Pek, citatus pro eo quod tenet mercimonia sua, emens et vendens, in ecclesia Beverlacensi; et similiter Simon dictus Chapman, Willelmus de Storke; Nicholaus de Lindesay ex causa prædicta comparuerunt personaliter.

John of Roos, vicar choral, adulterer with Elizabeth.

Dominus Johannes de Rosse, vicarius ecclesiæ Beverlacensis, adulteratur cum Elizabeth.

Johannes Webster, citatus ad instanciam Domini Johannis de Wettewang, non comparet; ideo suspensus.*

xiij. b. 8.—Dominus Ingelramus de Otringham, capellanus, fornicatur cum Cecilia Chequer de Rimeswell; comparet et negat publice, et habet diem Mercurii proximum futurum ad purgandum cum sex capellanis bonæ conditionis: quo die comparet, et petiit dilationem ulteriorem, et habet diem Mercurii proxime futurum ad purgandum [etc.] ut prius.

Ingelram of Ottringham, chaplain, misbehaves with Cecilia Chequer of Rimswell, denies; a day set för his purgation by 6 chaplains; asks for further time which is granted.

xiiij. (2nd ser.).†—Ricardus de Beynton, clericus de Berfel, citatus, non comparuit: et ideo suspensus, et citatus; et quia non comparet, ideo eundem propter suam contumaciam multiplicatam ad instantiam officii nostri coram nobis contractam in hiis scriptis excommunicamus.

Richard of Boynton, Berfellar of the Church, excommunicated for not appearing when summoned.

$133\frac{8}{9}$.
19 Jan.

Willelmus, filius Ceciliæ Mundi de Walkington, juxta confessionem suam, executoribus testamenti Roberti Snawe in octo marcis sterlingorum coram nobis Venerabilis Capituli Beverlacensis Auditore causarum, xiiij Kalendas Februarii A.D. [etc.] octavo, sub pœna excommunicationis majoris exnunc.

William Mundy of Walkington to pay 8 marks to Robert Snow's executors.

Willelmus de Ruddbi, citatus, non comparuit, sed quidam Robertus de Funer defendebat eum sub pœna xv denariorum.

xiiij. 5.—Thomas de Levenig de Mollescroft, Johannes de Hotham, Willelmus de Hundesflete et Johannes filius Galfridi de eadem condempnantur Domino Ricardo de Otringham in decima fœni et trabarum.

Four inhabitants of Molescroft to pay tithes of hay and thraves to Richard of Ottringham.

Clerici missi ad ordines.

$133\frac{8}{9}$.
18 Feb.

xiij. 6.—Memorandum quod xij Kalendas Martii A.D. supradicto missi fuerunt [etc.].

Willelmus de Braken, ad ordinem subdiaconatus;
Petrus Pull et Johannes de Tybthorp, ad ordinem diaconatus;

Orders.

1 Subdeacon.
2 Deacons.
5 Priests.

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* Only suspended from entrance to church, not to the gallows, as it would mean in an Assize Roll.

† This follows p. xviij of 1st series.

Johannes White, Adam Specer, Hugo de Briggstok, Hugo de Northburgh, et Laurentius de Dalton, ad ordinem presbiteratus.

[*The Bedern Butler.*]

1339. 5 April. Thomas of Huggate, vicar choral, and John Butler of Beverley.

xiiij. (2nd ser.) 6.—Memorandum quod Nonis Aprilis anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo^ tricesimo nono Domino Thoma de Hugate, perpetuo vicario chori ecclesiæ Beati Johannis Beverlacensis, et Johanne Boteller de Beverlaco, ad instantiam dicti Domini Thomæ legitime evocato coram nobis venerabilis Capituli ecclesiæ Beati Johannis Beverlacensis Auditore causarum, personaliter comparentibus, propositoque ex parte dicti Thomæ contra dictum Johannem articulo, cujus tenor talis est:

Allegation that John called Butler had violated his oath, in his office in the Bedern, and should be excommunicated.

In Dei nomine Amen. Petit Thomas de Hugate perpetuus vicarius chori ecclesiæ Beati Johannis Beverlacensis per viam notoriam et de plano Johannem dictum Boteller de Beverlaco, pro eo, quod statuta, ordinationes et libertates ecclesiæ Sancti Johannis supradicti in præjudicium præfati Thomæ scienter, malitiose, notorie et manifeste ac animo indurato violaverit, necnon juramentum suum ad sacrosancta Dei evangelia corporaliter præstitum de fideliter administrando in officio suo in Bederna Sancti Johannis Beverlacensis in præjudicium ejusdem Domini Thomæ scienter et malitiose fregit ac notorie violavit, in ecclesiasticæque libertatis dampnum non modicum et gravamen, ac aliorum perniciosum exemplum, in majoris excommunicationis sententiam sic incidisse, et juramentum suum, ut præmittitur, præstitum temere violasse, per vos, Domine Judex, sententialiter et diffinitive pronuntiari, ac sic excommunicatum esse, necnon juramentum suum præstitum temere violasse publice et solempniter nuntiari, justitiamque in omnibus exhiberi; præmissa proponit et petit conjunctim et divisim etc.

Ad quam quidem petitionem, facta contestatione, præmissis negatis in hunc modum:

Denial.

Ego Johannes le Boteller dico narrata prout narrantur vera non esse, et ideo petita prout petuntur fieri non debere;

Witnesses produced.

Jurato hincinde de calumpnia et de veritate dicenda, testibusque productis, admissis, juratis, et examinatis; videlicet, Dominis Johanne de Hornese, seniore, Hugone de Otringham, Thoma de Grymesbi, Ricardo de Killom, Johanne de Benigholme: eorumque dictis de consensu partium earumdem publicatis: assignatoque triduo dictæ parti reæ ad dicendum in testes et eorum dicta, et ad proponendum in facto consistentia, videlicet, ad diem Jovis vj Idus April proxime futurum, et ad faciendum ulterius quod juris fuerit et rationis.

Tenor attestationis testium productorum talis est:

Dominus Johannes de Hornese, vicarius perpetuus chori ecclesiæ Beati Johannis Beverlacensis, etc.

Quo die partibus ut supra comparentibus dicta parte rea nil proponente, ad sententiam procedimus in hunc modum.*

Clerici missi ad ordines.

1339. 19 May.

Orders.

3 Acolytes. 1 Deacon. 1 Priest.

xiiij. b.—Memorandum quod xiiij Kalendas Junii A.D. m.ccc^{mo} tricesimo nono missi fuerunt [etc.].

Willelmus de Pokelington, Stephanus de Humbleton, Thomas Grys de Beverlaco, ad ordinem Accolitatus;
Willelmus de Scorburgh, Robertus de Rosse, ad ordinem Diaconatus;
Willelmus Binder, ad ordinem Presbiteratus.

Goldesburgh. Dareynes.†

1339. 5 July. Before the Auditor of Causes.

Mr. Wm. Darraynes, Rector of Walkington, confesses debt of 6 marks for thraves sold to him, due to Master Antony of Goldsborough. Canon of St. James' altar.

Order to pay on pain of excommunication.

xiiij. 2nd ser. b. 4.—Memorandum quod iij Nonas Julii anno Domini supradicto Magister Willelmus Dareynes, Rector ecclesiæ de Walkyngton, coram nobis Venerabilis Capituli Ecclesiæ Beati Johannis Beverlacensis Auditore causarum, personaliter comparuit; et fatetur se teneri Magistro Antonio de Goldesburgh, canonico et prebendario prebendæ altaris Sancti Jacobi in præfata ecclesia Sancti Johannis in sex marcis sterlingorum pro travis ecclesiæ et parochiæ de Walkington de anno supradicto sibi venditis et liberatis, solvendis prædicto Magistro Antonio vel suo certo procuratori apud Beverlacum ad festa Ascensionis Dominicæ et Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ proxime futura; ac nos Auditor prædictus, confessionem ejusdem secuti, ipsum in dictis sex marcis terminis prænotatis fideliter solvendis sub pœna excommunicationis, exnunc prout extunc per sententiam præcepti in hiis scriptis condempnamus.

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* Here this entry, having vexatiously roused our curiosity without satisfying it, breaks off. The back of the page contains quite different matter, and the next page is numbered viij. As the case appeared to turn on mal-administration of the office of Butler to the Bedern, the omission of all details of the charges and the evidence has deprived us of most interesting light on the domestic life of the vicars choral.

† This entry is cancelled; perhaps when the money was paid.

Otringham. Cotingham.

1339. No day stated. W. Chapman and Walter Little of Cottingham confess debt of 11 marks for thraves to Richard of Ottringham.

xiiij. 2nd ser. b. 5.—Nos Auditor causarum Venerabilis Capituli ecclesiæ Beati Johannis Beverlacensis vos Willelmum Chappman de Cotingham et Walterum dictum Lytel de eadem, in undecim marcis sterlingorum pro travis parochiæ de Cotingham anno præsenti vobis venditis et liberatis: solvendis Domino Ricardo de Otringham vel suo certo procuratori citra festa Purificationis Beatæ Mariæ et Nativitatis Beati Johannis Baptistæ per unam septimanam proxime futuram juxta confessionem vestram personalem et spontaneam, sub pœna excommunicationis exnunc per sententiam præcepti in hiis scriptis condempnamus.

Nassington. Conestable.

1339. 14 July. Marmaduke Constable confesses debt for thraves of Holm in Spaldingmore.

Memorandum quod ij Idus Julii, anno Domini supradicto * fatetur se teneri Magistro Rogero de Nassington * pro travis parochiæ de Holm in Spaldingmore de autumpno jam instanti sibi venditis, solvendis ad festa Ascensionis Dominicæ et Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ proxime futura. Ac nos Auditor condempnamus eum quod satisfaciat, ut prædictum est, sub pœna excommunicationis, exnunc prout extunc, per sententiam præcepti in hiis scriptis.

1339. 18 July. Robert of Scorbrough to pay Richard of Ottringham 30s. within 8 days.

xiiij. (2nd ser.) b.—Memorandum quod xv Kalendas Augusti anno Domini supradicto, Robertus de Scorburgh condempnatur Domino Ricardo de Otringham in triginta solidis sterlingorum, juxta confessionem suam, solvendis infra octo dies.

1339. 19 July. John of Brun of Beverley, shearman to pay W. of Bredon, Beverley Grammar School Master, 12d. on 15 Aug.

Memorandum quod xiiij Kalendas Augusti Johannes de Brun de Beverlaco, cissor, condempnatur Willelmo de Bredon, Rectori scolarum gramaticalium Beverlacensium in xij denariis solvendis in festo Assumptionis Beatæ Mariæ.

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* These blanks are caused by erasures. The marginal note shows that the person in default was Marmaduke Constable; *cf.* entry for 18 Aug., 1338.

Guilfridus. Elghton.

xiiij. b. 7.—Memorandum quod v Idus Augusti A.D. supradicto, Thomas Hode de Howden et Johannes de Holme, tannator, de Beverlaco, coram nobis Auditore causarum personaliter comparuerunt, et fatebantur se teneri Magistro Guilfrido de Croppo Sancti Petri in quinque marcis sterlingorum pro travis ecclesiæ de Elghton de autumpno jam instanti sibi venditis et liberatis, solvendis ad festa Ascensionis Dominicæ et Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ [as previous entries].

1339. 9 Aug. T. Hood of Howden, and J. of Holme of B., tanner, the like 5 marks for thraves of Elloughton to Wilfrid de Croppo S. Petri.

Otringham. Warrom.

[A like entry as to Robert de Ryvaux de Thornthorp and John Tabernarius de Fymer, for 4 marks for the thraves of the church of Warrom, in the parish of Syxendale, due to Richard de Otringham.]

Same day.

Clerici missi ad ordines.

xiiij. b. 8.—Memorandum quod die Mercurii in septimana quatuor temporum proxima ante festum Sancti Michaelis anno Domini millesimo ccc^{mo} tricesimo nono, missi fuerunt ad ordines clerici infrascripti, viz.:

Johannes de Hattfelde, Robertus de Ryseburgh, Johannes Goman, Thomas Gryse, Willelmus de Pokelington, et Willelmus Fourne, ad ordinem subdiaconatus:

Thomas Lax, Willelmus de Frysmerks et Johannes de Pokelington, ad ordinem diaconatus:

Willelmus de Scorburgh et Petrus Pull de Hedon ad ordinem presbiteratus.

1339. 21 Sept.

Orders.

6 Subdeacons.
3 Deacons.
2 Priests.

[*Richard de la Mare appointed Goldsmith of the Minster.*]

cclj. b. 3.—Memorandum quod septimo die Aprilis, A.D. millesimo ccc^{mo} quadragesimo, Magister Willelmus de Cotum [*MS. torn*] Ricardi de la Mare comparuit in Capitulo [etc.] et optulit eidem Capitulo litteras Magistri [*MS. torn*] ecclesiæ Præpositi; quarum tenor talis est:

1340. 7 April. Mr. Wm. of Coatham in chapter produced letters of Mr. Wm. de la Mare, Provost of Beverley, of 5 April,

Reverendis et discretis viris Venerabili Capitulo [etc.] Willelmus de la Mare, Præpositus ejusdem, Salutem in amplexibus Salvatoris.

Appointing his brother Richard de la Mare to office of Goldsmith with corrody attached vacant by death of John de .

Cum [*MS. torn*] Aurifabri in dicta Ecclesia [etc.], et corrodium ejusdem, quod nuper obtinuit Johannes de [*MS. torn*] defunctus, per ejus mortem vacans, et ad nostram spectans collationem Dilecto fratri nostro Ricardo de la Mare [*MS. torn*] cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis contulimus intuitu caritatis;

Vos requirimus et rogamus, quatinus dictum Ricardum, vel procuratorem suum ejus nomine, ad dictum officium et ejus corrodium admittere velitis, ulteriusque circa eundem facere et exequi, quæ vobis incumbunt in hac parte. Valete.

Dated at Cawood.

Datis apud Cawode quinto die mensis Aprilis A.D. millesimo ccc quadragesimo.

Quibus inspectis et intellectis, præfatum Capitulum Beverlacense eundem Ricardum de la Mare in personam ejus procuratoris, ad prædictum officium Aurifabri et corrodium ejusdem canonice admisit, et in corporalem possessionem ejusdem secundum consuetudinem ejusdem ecclesiæ induxit.

Probatio Testamenti Aliciæ relictæ.

1347. 17 Nov. Probate of Will of Alice, widow of Thomas, nephew of the chaplain of Garton on the Wold.

A.D. millesimo ccc^{mo} quadragesimo.

xxiij.—xv Kalendas Decembris anno supradicto probatum testamentum Aliciæ, relictæ Thomæ, nepotis capellani de Garton in Wald, et administrationem * omnium bonorum dicti defuncti executori concessam * fuit.

Copia ejusdem.

The Will dated 25 Sept. 1347.

In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti, Amen. Ego Alicia, relicta Thomæ nepotis capellani de Garton, die Martis proximo ante festum Sancti Michaelis, anno Domini millesimo ccc^{mo} quadragesimo septimo, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum.

My best beast for my mortuary. At my wake, 6d. For wax to burn round body 15d.

For assembly of friends and gift to poor on burial 6s. 8d.

John Rayner, chaplain, my son, executor.

Inprimis do lego melius animal meum pro mortuario meo. Item, in vigiliis meis vj^{d}. Item, in cera circa corpus meum ardenda xv^{d}. Item, die sepulturæ meæ in convocatione amicorum et in erogatione pauperum do lego vj^{s} viij^{d}. Ad istud testamentum fideliter probandum constituo Johannem Reyner filium meum, capellanum, executorem; et in testes Dominum Robertum filium Johannis, filii Rogeri de Garton, et Thomam Prestfrend ejusdem villæ. Item do lego omnimoda omnia bona mea ubicunque fuerint inventa Johanni Reyner, capellano.

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* *Sic.* This is about the only instance of bad grammar in the book.

Probatio Testamenti.

xxiij. 2.—xiij Kalendas Decembris anno supradicto probatum fuit testamentum Johannis de Bron, tannatoris, infrascriptum.

1347. 19 Nov. Probate of will of John of Bron, of Eastgate, Beverley, tanner.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Ego Johannes de Brona manens in Beverlaco in Estegat, tanator (*sic*), die Lunæ proximo post festum Omnium Sanctorum anno Domini millesimo ccc^{mo} quadragesimo septimo condo testamentum meum in hunc modum:

Will dated 29 Oct., 1347.

In primis lego et commendo animam meam Deo omnipotenti creatori meo, et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in cymiterio ecclesiæ Beati Johannis Beverlacensis.

Soul to God and body to be buried in cemetery of S. John's, Beverley.

Item, lego in cera circa corpus meum ardendum, convocatione amicorum, distributione pauperum et in omnibus aliis expensis circa corpus meum sepeliendum faciendis, x^{s}. Item, lego capellano meo parochiali, vj^{d}, et clerico suo, ij^{d}.

Wax, etc., at burial 10s. To parish chaplain 6d., his clerk 2d.

Item, lego fratribus prædicatoribus Beverlaci ad unam pitenciam pro anima mea, xij^{d}.

To Friars Preachers of Beverley for a pittance 12d.

Item, fabricæ ecclesiæ Sancti Johannis Beverlacensis, vj^{d}.

Fabric of S. John's 6d.

Item, lego Adæ filio meo pro portione sua de bonis paternis et maternis perimplenda, ita quod nichil ultra rationem portionis prædictæ petat nec calumpniet, xx^{s} argenti, quas idem recipiet de Rogero de Madersey de Hull, sutoris, prout idem alias fatebatur et manucepit de eo recipiendas. Item, lego eidem Adæ meliorem supertunicam meam et j capetium pejus. Item, lego Christianæ uxori ejusdem Adæ et Johannæ filiæ eorundem j lectum plumalem et j var pro eodem co-operiendo. Item, prædictæ Johannæ filiæ ejusdem Adæ unam tunicam de mixtura.

To son Adam in satisfaction of portion in his father's and mother's goods 20s. of silver, to be paid by Roger of Mattersey of Hull; also, his best overcoat and worst hood; to his wife and daughter Joan a feather bed and fur to cover it; to same Joan a tunic of mixed stuff.

Item lego Roberto filio meo pro portione sua de bonis communibus paternis et maternis sibi perimplendis, ita quod nichil ultra rationem portionis prædictæ petat nec calumpniet, xl^{s} percipiendos ad certos dies prout ipse et executores mei inde concordati sint. Item, eidem Roberto j par pannorum lineorum meliorum et ij lintheamina.

To son Robert for his portion 40s.; 1 pair best woollen clothes (blankets) and 2 sheets

To Stephen of Withernwick, Taylor, 12d.

Item lego Stephano de Wythorn Wyk dicto Tayliour pro labore suo mihi impendendo nomine executoris xij^{d}. Item lego Agneti filiæ suæ xij^{d}.

A red tunic.

Item lego Thomæ filio Roberti de Wakeffeld j tunicam de rubeo.

Residue after payment of debts and legacies to Stephen the tailor to hire a man to go on pilgrimage to the Holy Land for me as soon as possible.

Stephen Taylor and son Adam, executors, to give security to each item for this till the time of the first passage to the Holy Land.

Totum autem residuum omnium bonorum meorum, ita quod nichil remaneat indistincter legatum, isto testamento completo et omnibus illud concernentibus plenarie perimpletis, ac debitis meis regulariter persolutis, lego prædictis Stephano le tayliour et Adæ filio meo pro uno homine conducendo ad eundum peregrinationem ad Terram Sanctam pro me secundum dispositionem executorum meorum, prout dictum residuum sup[p]lere valeat, quam citius commode potuerint; et ad istam executionem fideliter exequendum prædictum Stephanum dictum Tayliour principalem, sine quo nichil vendatur nec fiat, et prædictum Adam filium meum, meos facio et constituo executores; ita quod ipsi et omnibus con[s]cient, et quod alter eorum alteri faciat securitatem de portione residui in manibus eorum existente usque ad tempus primi passagii ad Terram Sanctam; qui Deum præ oculis habentes istud testamentum fideliter exequantur.

In cujus rei testimonium huic testamento meo sigillum meum apposui.

Dato Beverlaci et acto die et anno supradictis.

ILLUSTRATIVE DOCUMENTS.

EXTRACTS FROM REGISTERS OF THE ARCHBISHOPS OF YORK, IN THE REGISTRY AT YORK.

I.—Extracts from Register of Archbishop Wickwaine, consecrated 19 Sept. 1279.

Capitulum Beverlaci. De anno primo.[*]

Pro Magistro W. de Gloucestria

1279. 11 Nov. Collation of Mr. Walter of Gloucester to Mr. J. le Gras' prebend.

f. 4 b.—W. miseracione divina etc. dilectis in Christo filiis capitulo Beverlacensi, Salutem gratiam et benedictionem.

Quia prebendam que fuit magistri Johannis le Gras defuncti in ecclesia Beverlacensi vacantem contulimus dilecto nobis in Christo magistro Waltero de Gloucestria, capellano nostro, intuitu caritatis, devotioni vestre mandamus, quatinus ipsum W. in concanonicum et confratrem admittentes, sibi seu procuratori suo stallum in choro et locum in capitulo debite assignetis, quod vestrum est ulterius modo solito exponentes. Valeatis. Dat. apud Scroby iij° Idus Novembris A.D. m°c°c° lx°x° nono et pontificatus nostri primo.

Pro eodem.

Mem. quod iij° idus Novembris A.D. m°c°c°lx°x° nono collata est prebenda que fuit magistri Johannis le Gras in ecclesia Beverlacensi magistro Waltero de Gloucestria.

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[*] Separate sections of the Registers of the Archbishops are usually set aside for documents affecting the four chapters of their four collegiate churches or minsters: York, Beverley, Ripon, and Southwell (Nottinghamshire, which was until 1848 in the Diocese of York).

I am indebted to Mr. W. Brown, late of Arncliffe, now of Northallerton, Secretary of the Society, for these valuable historical documents.

Pro clericis incarceratis petendis.

1280.
7 Nov.
Archbishop to Justices Itinerant at York. Notice of appointment of Symon, rector of St. Saviour's and Robert le Grant, rector of S. Crux York, to receive criminous clerks at Beverley.

61 b.—Discretis viris sibi in Christo predilectis Dominis J. de Wallibus ceterisque sociis ejus justiciariis itinerantibus apud Ebor. vel Beverlacum, W. miseratione divina etc. Salutem in vero salutari. Noveritis quod nos dilectos nobis in Christo Dominos Symonem, rectorem ecclesie S. Salvatoris, decanum Christianitatis Ebor, et Robertum le Grant, rectorem ecclesie S. Crucis de eadem ad petendum et recipiendum coram vobis seu quibuscumque aliis justiciariis apud Beverlacum, vel alibi in diocesi Ebor. itinerantibus, clericos cujuscumque ordinis pro quocumque crimine interceptos, nostros constituimus attornatos, ut ipsi vel eorum alter quem adesse contigerit, ipsum sup[p]leat officium vice nostra; Ratum habituri et firmum, quicquid conjunctim vel divisim fecerint in hac parte.

Dat. apud Scroby vij° Idus Novembris A.D. m°c°c°lx°x° nono et pontificatus nostri primo.

Pro vicaria Beate Marie.

1279.
29 Nov.
Archbishop to Chapter enclosing letter of his predecessor on behalf of the Vicar of S. Martin's altar and S. Mary's chapel, who is not allowed to keep his own books and chalices, directing the Chapter to put an end to this horror.

f. 61 b.—W. permissione etc. Capitulo Beverlacensi, vel procuratori canonicorum ejusdem, Salutem cum Dei et nostra benedictione. Litteram bone memorie predecessoris nostri in hec verba:—W. etc. dilectis Cristo filiis capitulo Beverlacensi, Salutem cum Dei et nostra benedictione. A fidedignis frequenter audivimus et erubescimus in auditu, quod exilia stipendia dilecti in Cristo filii, vicarii altaris Beati Martini et capelle Beate Marie Virginis Beverlacensis in compassionis spiritu adeo detractantur et etiam sibi sepius differuntur quod suppreme premitur paupertate. Precepimus etiam quod parochianorum protervitas ordinem et locum psallentium in memorata capella in tantum impedit et pervertit, quod decus et honor ecclesiasticus vertitur in horrorem. Dicitur etiam a plerisque quod idem vicarius ob hastutiam quorumdam de parochia liberam librorum vel calicis administrationem aut etiam ornamentorum ipsius ecclesie habere nequit, ut convenit, quoquomodo, propter quod multo[to]ciens obsequium decidit divinorum. Ipsi etiam parochiani presbiteris et adventiciis et advenis hujusmodi ornamenta committunt, liberant sicut volunt, ea vicario viriliter denegando. Nisi hec igitur infra Natale Domini per vos de capitulo ad propulsionem horroris congrue corrigantur, ea ob negligentiam vestram ad limam reformationis post dictum terminum protinus assumemus. Bene valeatis.

Dat. apud Patrington iij° Kalendas Decembris, anno pontificatus nostri xij°.

1 Dec.

Quia igitur premissis nondum aurem efficaciter inclinastis vos iterato exhortamur sub continentia memorata, ut infra quindecim dies, omni rejecta desidia, debite corrigantur, et eidem vicario de stipendiis, que sibi retro sunt, similiter satisfaciatis, ita quod post fluxum quindene vestram negligentiam nos supplere non oporteat, quod nollemus. Valeatis.

Dat. apud Cawode Kalendis Decembris pontificatus nostri anno primo.

Littera pro Capitulo Beverlacensi.

1279.
14 Dec.
Direction to ecclesiastics in York diocese to proclaim excommunications issued by Chapter of Beverley for violation of their liberties or non-payment of thraves.

f. 4 b. and 62.—W. permissione etc. dilectis in Christo filiis Abbatibus, prioribus, archidiaconis, decanis, presbiteris, et ceteris per Ebor. diocesim constitutis, Salutem gratiam et benedictionem.

Cum Beverlacensi capitulo cohercendi quoscumque infringentes seu perturbantes Beverlacensis ecclesie libertates sive in aqua de Hulle sive alibi, et compellendi ad solutionem travarum quas ipsa ecclesia percipere consuevit per censuram ecclesiasticam auctoritate nostra commiserimus potestatem, vobis mandamus quatinus ipsos quos idem capitulum pro violatione seu perturbatione hujusmodi libertatum vel solutione travarum non facta excommunicaverint, ad ipsius capituli mandatum vos et singuli vestrum excommunicatos puplice nuncietis et tanquam excommunicatos faciatis et usque ad satisfactionem condignam ob omnibus artius evitari. Presentibus post biennium minime valituris. Dat. apud Cawode xix° Kalendas Januarii, A.D. m°cc°lxx° nono et pontificatus nostri primo.

Pro Willelmo de Beverlaco, presbitero.

1280.
July 27.
Dispensation to W. of Beverley for having taken

f. 4 b and 62.—W. permissione etc. dilecto in Christo filio W. de Beverlaco, presbitero nostre diocesis, Salutem etc.

Attendentes quod per simplicitatem et juris exigentiam, orders from other bishops without licence from his diocesan.

que erga Deum culpam extenuant, subdiaconatus, diaconatus et presbiteratus ordines a non tuis episcopis, tui diocesani licentia primitus non optenta, nec ejusdem ratificatione hactenus subsecuta, illicite recepisti, et in eisdem incircumspecte diutius ministrasti, nos tecum super hujusmodi irregularitatis vitio quatenus ad diocesanum attinet misericorditer dispensamus, ut ea non obstante libere valeas decetero in dictis ordinibus ministrare. Licet ignorantia et simplicitas supradicta in foro contentioso tibi forsitan non prodesset, in foro tamen penitentie ubi gratius agitur cum contritis tibi sicut speramus in Domino mitius conferunt ad medelam. Vale. Dat. apud North-Musham vj Kalendas Augusti anno etc. nostri primo.

Capitulum Beverlaci de anno secundo.

$128\frac{0}{1}$.
Feb. 10.
Direction to the Chapter to publish excommunication of Richard son of Sabina, Robert Ingelberd, and their accomplices for appealing to the Court of Canterbury.

f. 5.—W. permissione etc. dilectis in Christo filiis Capitulo Beverlacensi seu procuratori ejusdem, Salutem etc.

Cum Ricardum filium Sabine, Robertum Ingelberd, omnesque complices eorundem consiliarios et fautores presertim in appellatione per eos ad tuitionem Curie Cantuariensis interposita et prosecuta contra libertates et privilegia ecclesie nostre Ebor., cum communicantibus eisdem, aquam vel ignem inpertiendo, in mercimoniis quibuscumque contrahendo, ob offensam ipsorum manifestam, justitia excommunicaverimus exigente, loca omnia nostre diocesis et provincie ad que diverterint mercimonia excercendo quamdiu iidem excommunicati inibi fuerint ecclesiastico nichilominus supponentes interdicto, exceptis illis qui ad satisfactionem jam venerunt;

Vobis mandamus quod ipsos sic excommunicatos puplice omnibus diebus dominicis et festivis denuncietis vice nostra, donec ad gremium sancte matris ecclesie redeuntes absolutionis beneficium optinere promeruerint in hac parte. Dat. apud Burton iiij° Idus Februarii.

Mem. quod mandatum fuit Decano Beverlacensi in eadem forma.

Capitulum Beverlacense de anno secundo.

Pro decano Christianitatis Beverlacensis.

$128\frac{0}{1}$.
11 Feb.

f. 115.—W. permissione etc. dilecto in Cristo filio, magistro Henrico de Yesteley, clerico, Salutem etc.

Appointment by Archbishop of Mr. Henry of Yestley, as Dean of Christianity of Beverley.

De zelo sincere devotionis tue in Christo firmiter confidentes, te in decanum in Christianitate Beverlacensi tenore presentium deputamus, sperantes quod per sanctam industriam tuam fructuosa fiet ad honorem altissimi lucrifactio animarum. Et hoc universis et singulis subditis nostris et Christi fidelibus nunciamus. Dat. apud Burton iij Idus Februarii pontificatus nostri anno secundo.

Capitulo Beverlacensi.

$128\frac{0}{1}$.
10 Feb.
Archbishop to Chapter Proclaim the excommunication of those who appealed to the court of Canterbury in derogation of the rights of York.

W. permissione etc. dilectis in Christo filiis, Capitulo Beverlacensi, seu procuratori ejusdem, Salutem etc.

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Dat. apud Burton iiij° Idus Februarii.

Memorandum quod mandatum fuit decano Beverlacensi in eadem forma.

Pro excommunicatis de Beverlaco.

$128\frac{0}{1}$.
23 March.
Direction to Dean of Beverley as to infliction of penance on certain persons named in schedule not registered.

f. 5 and 115.—Suo decano Beverlacensi, Salutem etc. Quia fixo proposito ordinavimus, quod omnes illi de excommunicatis Beverlacensibus qui sunt in tertio gradu secundum quod alias toti communitati per karissimum clericum nostrum, Magistrum Thomas de Grimeston, de gradibus fecimus publicari, hac instante die dominica in passione suam injunctam penitentiam discalciati, nudatis capitibus, cum luminaribus ordinatis in modo quem previdimus, reverenter et humiliter incohabunt;

Tibi mandamus quatinus hoc eis hac die Annunciationis B. Virginis puplice et solempniter nuncietis vice nostra ut in ecclesia Beati Johannis Beverlacensis dicta die Dominica, ante horam primam compareant, sicut predictum est, ad devotam penitentiam preparati; alioquin eos omnes quorum nomina inferius conscribuntur in pristinam excommunicationis sententiam statim intrudas et perjuros ac excommunicatos denuncies sicut prius.

Qua die Dominica eis de nostris commitivam et conductum congruum transmittemus, ut certius sub limitato modo se ante preparent et coaptent et incedant. Et ecce nomina ad hoc publice recitanda. Dat. apud Cawode x kal. Aprilis, pontificatus nostri anno secundo.

Et volumus quod mulieres suprascripte in principio processionis et aciei disposite universos masculos antecedant, ita quod incessus earundem secundum procacitatem et demerita sua evidentius quocumque ierint distinguatur. Dat. etc.

Hic incipit annus tertius.

De penitentibus Beverlacensibus.

1281. Oct. 30. Directions to Rural Dean of Beverley as to Beverley penitents of first grade to march barefooted, without girdles, caps, or hoods, from Beverley to Stamford Bridge.

f. 5 and 115 b.—Suo decano Beverlacensi Salutem. Si Johannes de Grouvale, clericus, Petrus de Seton, Ricardus de Bryniston, Robertus de Trescke, clericus, Ricardus Sesse, Willelmus Cissor, Thomas le Russ, et Johannes le Russ, frater ejus, primo gradu penitentium constituti, nudis pedibus in sola tunica absque cingulo tena et capucio, singuli cum singulis cereis competentibus in manibus accensis, hac instanti die Dominica, in crastino Omnium Sanctorum, in facie ecclesie B. Johannis de Beverlaco contriti se obtulerint ad peragendum puplicam penitentiam quam eis injunximus pro commissis, eos patienter suscipias ad eandem. Ita videlicet quod ibi iter suum humiliter initiantes statim versus Eboracum per villas de Burton, Wyhton, Hayton, et sic usque ad Pontem Belli dirigere preparent gressus suos, quos penitentes in forma quam premisimus usque ad fines jurisdictionis tue, videlicet usque ad Burton, personaliter prosequeris. Rogerum vero de Berniston et Petrum de Catefosse, presbiteros ejusdem gradus, quibus in reverentiam ordinis compatimur pio motu in capis clausis vel nigris cum superpelliciis, stolis indutos, et cum virgis disciplinalibus in manibus pre-

Two priests, through reverence to their order, to follow behind in black copes with whipping rods in their hands declaring the reason of the penance.

dictos penitentes usque ad ecclesiam B. Nicholai exponendo causam in itinere, ob quam penitentes sic incedunt, insequi volumus et mandamus. Et ibi occurret decanus noster Eboracensis et producet eos ad majorem ecclesiam, et que ulterius incumbunt plenius consummabit, qui premuniatur de hora veniendi ut eos preveniat tempestive. Ceterum quia ad partes divertimus in proximo remotas, committimus tibi potestatem, ut quotquot primi gradus una cum predictis vice hac penitere voluerunt, admittere valeas vice nostra, quodam die Omnium Sanctorum solempniter puplices et proclames. Proviso quod de hiis qui in secundo gradu sunt vel tertio, te nullatenus intromittas.

The Dean of York to meet and take them to the cathedral.

The Dean not to concern himself with penitents of 2nd and 3rd grade.

Nomina quidem penitentium sub sigillo tuo inclusa Decano nostro Christianitatis Ebor. per predictos presbiteros transmittas a quo certificari poteris, an omnes penitentiam compleverint in hiis litteris comprehensis et aliquem famulum deputare procures qui sequatur eos in via et videat an debite peniteant et incedant. Senes si qui fuerint et debiles, ab hujusmodi penitentia repellas penitus in presenti, ne periculum de eis contingeret, quod nollemus. Margeriam de Driffeud nostro arbitrio reservamus. Supersedeas igitur, nichil attemptans contra eam, donec aliud receperis in mandatis.

A servant to be sent with them to see penance duly performed.

Margery of Driffield reserved for the Archbishop's own decision.

Dat. apud Cawode iij° Kalendas Novembris pontificatus nostri anno tertio.

Pro burgensibus de Beverlaco.

39 b.—E. etc. vicecomiti Ebor., Salutem.

$128\frac{0}{1}$.
March 24.

The King to the Sheriff of Yorkshire. Writ of certiorari as to suit between the Archbishop and the Burgesses of Beverley as to right of common of pasture has been issued;

Cum in loquelis que fuerunt coram justiciariis ultimo itinerantibus apud Beverlacum per diversa brevia nostra inter quosdam burgenses Beverlacenses et W. archiepiscopum Ebor., de eo quod ipse permittat eos habere communem pasturam in Beverlaco, minus rite processum sit, ut dicitur, et nos quibusdam certis de causis super premissis plenius certiorari, et si quid in loquelis predictis corrigendum fuerit corrigi volentes, mandaverimus prefatis justiciariis quod recorda et processus predictarum loquelarum cum brevibus originalibus et omnibus aliis adminiculis loquelas illas tangentibus distincte et aperte sub sigillis suis nobis mittant; ita quod ea habeamus a die Pasche in unum mensem ubicumque tunc fuerimus in Anglia, ut in scriptis illis recordis and the Sheriff ordered to arrest certain of the burgesses till they have made satisfaction to holy church.

et processibus inde fieri faciamus, quod de consilio nostro secundum legem et consuetudinem regni nostri duxerimus ordinandum, ac ad instantiam predicti Archiepiscopi tibi preceperimus quod quosdam burgenses de Beverlaco tanquam excommunicatos et claves ecclesie contempnentes per corpora sua secundum consuetudinem Anglie justities donec sancte ecclesie tam de contemptu quam de injuria ei illata ab eis fuerit satisfactum; cujus precepti fecisti returnum ballivis libertatis predicti Archiepiscopi de Beverlaco, qui illius returni pretextu insidias ponunt predictis burgensibus ad ipsos capiendos prisonando et quosdam eorum jam ceperunt et in prisona detinent, quominus ipsi burgenses jus suum in premissis in curia nostra prosequi possunt, sicut ex eorum gravi querela accepimus. Unde ad rogatum eorum mandavimus prefato archiepiscopo quod tibi et ballivis suis significet quod captioni predictorum burgensium, qui non dum capti sunt, supersedeatis, usque ad Parliamentum nostrum quod erit post Pascha proximo futurum, et alios qui capti et imprisonati sunt sub cautione rationabili mandet a prisona deliberari, ita quod eos jus suum in premissis libere et sine impedimento interim prosequi permittat.

This writ was sent to the Arch bishop's bailiffs who used it to seize and imprison the burgesses and prevent them presenting their suit in the King's Court.

The King directed their release.

Tibi precepimus quod in propria persona tua ad prefatum Archiepiscopum accedens, eum ex parte nostra moneas, et inducas, quod id in forma quam ei mandavimus fieri faciat sive fieri demandet, ita quod Rogerus de Tykehille et Johannes de Luda, qui occasione predicta capti sunt, usque Parliamentum predictum sub cautione rationabili a prisona deliberentur, et captioni Roberti Yngelberd, Ricardi filii Sabine, P. filii W. Malharpin, R. de Barton et Roberti de Gumcestre qui nondum capti sunt interim supersedeatur. Quod si idem Archiepiscopus facere distulit, tu id fieri facias in predicta forma, et predicto Archiepiscopo scire facias ex parte nostra quod aliquos de fidelibus suis tunc mittat ad curiam nostram sufficienter instructos, ad faciendum et recipiendum quod curia nostra consideraverit in premissis. Et habeas ibi etc. Teste etc. apud Upaune xxiiij die Martis anno regni nostri ix°.

The Sheriff is now himself to go to the Archbishop and to insist on the release of Roger of Tickhill and John of Louth and surety for Robert Ingelberd and others is not to be required.

Pro eodem.

Same date. The King to the Archbishop to

f. 40.—E. Dei gratia etc. venerabili etc. Cum in loquelis quæ fuerunt coram Justiciariis ultimo itinerantibus apud the same effect as in letter to the Sheriff above.

Beverlacum per diversa (brevia) nostra inter quosdam burgenses Beverlacenses et vos de eo quod permittatis eos habere communem pasturam in Beverlaco, minus rite processum sit, ut dicitur, et nos quibusdam certis de causis super premissis plenius certiorari, et si quid in loquelis predictis corrigendum fuerit corrigi volentes, mandaverimus prefatis justiciariis quod recorda et processus predictarum loquelarum cum brevibus originalibus et omnibus aliis adminiculis loquelas illas tangentibus distincte et aperte sub sigillis suis nobis mittant, ita quod ea habeamus a die Pasche in unum mensem, ubicumque tunc fuerimus in Anglia, ut inspectis illis recordis et processibus inde fieri faciamus quod de consilio nostro secundum legem et consuetudinem regni nostri duxerimus ordinandum, ac ad instantiam vestram nuper per litteras nostras precepimus vicecomiti nostro Eboracensi quod quosdam burgenses de Beverlaco tanquam excommunicatos et clave[m] ecclesie contempnentes per corpora sua secundum consuetudinem Anglie justitiet donec sancte ecclesie tam de contemptu quam de in[ju]ria ei illata ab eis fuerit satisfactum. Cujus mandati returnum ballivi libertatis vestre de Beverlaco receperunt, et cujus pretextu ipsi insidias ponunt predictis burgensibus adversariis vestris ad ipsos capiendos et imprisonandos et quosdam eorum jam ceperunt et in prisona detinent quominus ipsi burgenses jus suum in premissis in curia nostra prosequi possunt, sicut ex eorum gravi querela accepimus.

Vobis mandamus quod predictis vicecomiti nostro et ballivis vestris significatis quod captioni R. Ingelberd, R. Sabine, P. Malharpin, R. de Barton, et R. de Godmancestria, qui non dum capti sunt, supersedeant, usque ad Parliamentum nostrum quod erit post Pasca proxime futurum, Et Rogerum de Tykehille et J. de Luda, qui occasione predicta capti sunt, sub cautione rationabili interim deliberare mandetis, ut jus suum prosequi possint in premissis. Et mittatis aliquos de fidelibus nostris ad predictum Parliamentum ad faciendum et recipiendum quod curia nostra consideraverit in premissis et habeatis etc. T. etc.

128$\frac{0}{1}$.
14 March.

f. 40.—Letters of protection from the King to Robert Ingelberd, of Beverley, R. son of Sabina, and P. Malharpin. Apud Dunam, March 14, 9 Edward I. (1280-1).

Pone.

King to Sheriff of Yorkshire, on receiving security from Richard the mercer and Roger of Tickhill to prosecute their claim take security for the appearance of Thomas of Etton and W. of Skerne for false imprisonment.

Rex vicecomiti Ebor. Si Ricardus le Mercer et Rogerus de Tychille (*sic*) fecerint te securum de clamio suo prosequendo, tunc pone per vadium et salvos plegios Thomam de Etton et W. de Scheyren quod sint coram nobis a die Pasche in unum mensem, ubicunque tunc fuerimus in Anglia, ostensuri quare prefatos R. et R. apud Beverlacum ceperunt et imprisonaverunt et alia enormia eis intulerunt ad grave dampnum ipsorum R. et R. et contra pacem nostram. Et habeas ibi nomina plegiorum et hoc breve. Teste etc.

Pro Beverlaco.

1280. 4 June. The King to the Archbishop to send up all records touching the dispute with the burgesses as to the pasture.

f. 40 b.—E. Dei gratia etc. venerabili in Christo patri etc. Cumque nuper mandaverimus dilectis et fidelibus nostris J. de Reygate, A. de Kirketon et A. de Walvingham, quod quia ex gravi querela Roberti Yngilbert, W. le Grom, R. filii Symonis de Receby, R. de Godmancestria, R. filii Petri de Barton, J. de Keu et P. filii Jacobi de Beverlaco acceperimus, quod in loquelis que fuerunt coram eis et sociis suis Justiciariis ultimo itinerantibus apud Beverlacum per diversa brevia inter ipsos Robertum et alios et quosdam alios comburgenses suos Beverlacenses et vos, de eo, quod vos permitteretis prefatos burgenses habere communiam pasture in Beverlaco, minus rite processum est, nos quibusdam certis de causis [etc. as in last down to] ubicumque tunc essemus in Anglia. Ac prefati justiciarii nostri ad diem illum nobis mandassent quod nullum predictarum loquelarum habuerunt recordum seu processum, eo quod rotuli placitorum predictorum cum brevibus originalibus et omnibus aliis adminiculis loquelas illas tangentibus remanent penes vos.

Vobis mandamus quod scrutatis rotulis predictis recorda et processus predictarum loquelarum cum brevibus originalibus et omnibus aliis adminiculis loquelas illas tangentibus distincte et aperte sub sigillo vestro nobis mittatis et hoc breve, ita quod ea habeamus a die S. Michaelis in xv dies ubicumque tunc fuerimus in Anglia, ut inspectis illis recordis et processibus inde fieri faciamus quod de consilio nostro secundum legem et consuetudinem regni nostri duxerimus ordinandum. Et omnimodas excommunicationis et interdicti sententias si quas in personas burgensium Beverlacensium fulminare feceritis omnino revocetis.

Et vos ipsi sitis coram nobis ad prefatum terminum justitiam in premissis recepturi.

Teste R. de Hengham apud Westmonasterium iiij die Junii anno regni nostri ix.

Prepositura de secundo anno.

Pro testamento R. de Qwarham.

1280.
Nov. 7.
Abp. to Provost.
Wills proved before the Archbishop ought not to be reproved by inferior courts to the blackening of the honour of the church. Therefore admit Wharram's will if sealed with my seal as alleged.

f. 116.—W. permissione etc. dilectis in Christo filiis Preposito Beverlaci, vel ejus vices gerentibus, Salutem etc.

Testamenta coram nobis vel nostris probata et nostri sigilli munimine acceptata non decet a subditis reprobari, nec apud eos secundum constitutionem Legati in dubium devenire; ne, si secus fieret, superiorum et subditorum reluctans et discrepans dispositio honestatem ecclesiasticam denigraret, unde in negotio exhibitoris presentium seu executorum Roberti de Qwarham, si testamentum ipsum et ejus probationem prius acceptaverimus, sicut dicitur, nostro super hoc viso sigillo nolumus nec convenit dubitari, set fiat decens unanimitas utrobique. Dat. apud Burton vij Id. Nov. anno secundo.

Pro ministris de Beverlaco.

1280.
Dec. 2.
Abp. to Provost.
See that the corrodies, stipends, and liveries of the ministers of the Bedern are paid notwithstanding general interdict by me.

f. 116.—W. permissione etc. dilectis filiis Preposito Beverlaci et suis ministris in Bederna, Salutem etc.

Sub exhortatione pietatis et paterna vobis injungimus et mandamus quatinus ratione generalis interdicti nostri Beverlacensis, de correddiis, stipendiis et liberationibus ministris ecclesie debitis et consuetis nichil penitus subtrahatis, set nichilominus competenter et congrue fiant, sicut evitare volueritis canonicam ultionem. Dat. apud Burton iiij° Non. Dec. etc.

The Provost to retake an escaped prisoner.

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March 4.
In the crime against God, the church, and me

Preposito Salutem cum Dei et nostra benedictione. In tam execrabili excessu in Deum et sanctam suam (ecclesiam) et nos perniciose commisso equum est, fili karissime, quod de

which has been committed, my orders should be more obediently carried out. I cannot restore the prisoner you seek to recover until I have security against the liberty you claim, but which probably you do not possess. My prisoner allowed to escape from your prison you must recapture at once. It is to be feared that your court does not condemn robbers.

excommunicatis nostris capiendis qui sunt de libertate vestra quam pretenditis nostris jussibus obedientius pareatis. Set quia confictam reverentiam, immo potius contemptum, in vestris reperimus, incarceratum quem repetitis restituere non audemus nisi vestra nobis preostensa libertate, quam, contra Deum sanctam suam ecclesiam et nos forsitan non habetis, securitatem providerimus oportunam. Et quia ad mandatum nostrum quendam pridem cepistis qui quasi dissimulatione custodum derisorie jam evasit, volumus pro honore vestro et sub debito obediencie ut ipsum celeriter reintercipi faciatis; quod nullatenus omittatis. Attendimus enim quod fragilitas vestre libertatis hujusmodi excommunicatos quicquid sit de latronibus in curia vestra judicari vel corrigi non permittit. Dat. apud Wilton iiij° Nonas Marcii anno secundo.

II.—Extracts from Register of Archbishop John Romanus.

1286.
July 2.

f. 69.—Registrum de capitulis Eboracensi, Beverlacensi Suthwellensi ac Riponensi ac de capella.

Memorandum quod emanavit littera directa Roberto de Langetoft, vicario Beverlacensi, in qua sibi committebatur officium penitentiarii sub data apud Thorp vj Nonas Julii (anno primo) et sub forma qua scribitur in jurisdictione de Hextildesham.

Pro corrodio in Bederna Beverlacensi.

1286.
Sept. 26.
Abp. to his bailiff at Beverley, directing him to inform the Provost that he had granted his corrody in the Minster to Walter the butler.

f. 92 b.—Suo ballivo Beverlacensi, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia corrodium nostrum de Bederna Beverlacensi dilecto nobis Waltero, dicto le Boteler, pro nostro beneplacito contulimus gratiose, volumus quod id Preposito Beverlacensi, vel suo senescallo, ex parte nostra certifices, ut predicto Waltero de eodem corrodio pro tempore nostro hactenus et decetero integraliter respondeat et satisfaciat, sicut nobis. Valeatis. Datis apud Wilton vj. Kalendas Octobris pontificatus primo.

Order in similar terms to the Provost of Beverley dated 6 Ides of February in the first year of bishopric.

Citatio contra Magistrum R. de Scard' pro eo quod contraxit contumaciam in visitatione Capituli Beverlacensis.

1286. Dec. 4.

Abp. to his clerk who sits at his table, Mr. H. Sampson, D.C.L.

f. 70.—J. permissione etc. dilecto commensali clerico nostro, Magistro H. Sampson juris civilis professori, Salutem gratiam et benedictionem.

In the late visitation of the chapter of Beverley, after due notice, Mr. Robert of Scarborough, canon of Beverley, was contumacious in refusing to appear.

Summon him peremptorily to appear to answer for his contumacy.

Also for certain articles affecting him found at the visitation.

If prevented from access to him leave the summons in his hall or on the door of his inn.

Visitantibus nobis nuper Capitulum Beverlacense, cui visitationem nostram ad certum diem premuniendo mandavimus canonice dudum ante, Magistrum R. de Scard[eburg] canonicum Beverlacensem in non veniendo reperimus contumacem, contra quem censuram ecclesiasticam non immerito exercuisse potuimus, quam tamen mitius temporando distulimus, favorabiliter deferentes penam, donec ipsa vocata deliberavimus de contumacia supradicta. Devotioni vestræ igitur firmiter injungendo mandamus quod citetis peremptorie predictum magistrum R. in ecclesia Beverlacensi quam citationem eidem notificare curetis personaliter vosmetipsi, quod compareat coram nobis etc. de predicta satisfacturus contumacia vel penam recepturus canonicam pro eadem. Citetis etiam ipsum peremptorie quod predictis die et loco coram nobis compareat super quibusdam articulis aliis ipsum ex predicta visitatione nostra tangentibus sibi ex nostro officio opponendis responsurus, facturus et recepturus quod justitia suadebit. Quem vero terminum hac vice ita censuimus moderandum ut animarum saluti in quantum juris ratio permittit celeriter consulatur. Quod si impedierit sive occultaverit quominus ad ipsum aditum habeatis, tunc in aula ipsius vel ante ostium portamve hospitii, in quo ipsum hospitari contigerit vel morari, seu in aliis locis puplicis; ita quod non sit verisimile ipsum vel suos posse hec probabiliter ignorare, hanc citationem puplice legatis et solempniter exponatis. Super hujusmodi autem executione mandati nos citra diem certificetis predictum per vestras patentes litteras que harum seriem representent. Bene valeatis. Dat. apud Burton ij Non. Dec. pontificatus nostri anno primo.

Sequestrum contra Magistrum Thomam de Munkegate et vij clericos de Bederna recipientes sua stipendia.

1286. Dec. 4.

J. permissione etc. dilectis in Christo filiis Capitulo nostro Beverlacensi, vel procuratori generali ejusdem, Salutem, etc.

Abp. to Chapter or its Commissary-General.

In recent visitation the Sacrist and the Seven Clerks who receive daily wages from the Bedern were absent and pronounced contumacious. Sequestrate whatever they get in the Minster.

Cum in visitatione nostra quam apud vos nuper exercuimus Magistrum Thomam de Munkegate, Sacristam, et septem clericos ecclesie Beverlacensis qui cotidiana stipendia nomine beneficii de Bederna recipiunt propter eorundem absentiam, qui visitari debuerant, pronunciaverimus exigente justitia contumaces, devotioni vestre mandamus quatinus sequestretis auctoritate nostra quicquid predicti Sacrista et clerici in ecclesia vestra percipiunt, et sub arto custodiatis sequestro donec iidem nobis de contumacia canonice satisfecerint supradicta. De sequestro autem hujusmodi nos certificari curetis per vestras patentes litteras. Dat. ut supra.

Ad levandam quartam non residentium in ecclesia Beverlacensi.

1286. Dec. 4. Abp. to William of Gloucester, Canon of Beverley, to collect the fourth levied on non-residents from the prebends of Mr. Robert of Scarborough, Gilbert of S. Leofard, and Robert Fangfoss, canons, and the Sacrist, Chancellor, Precentor, and Seven Clerks of the Berfell.

J. permissione etc. dilecto in Christo filio W. de Glovernia canonico Beverlacensi, collectori quartæ non residentium in ecclesia Beverlacensi, Salutem, etc.

Devotioni vestre injungimus et mandamus quatinus quartam prebendarum Magistrorum Roberti de Scard', Gilberti de Sancto Leofardo et Roberti de Famfos (*sic*) concanonicorum vestrorum, Sacristæ, Cancellarii, Precentoris, necnon quartam portionum vij clericorum de Berefel faciatis levari. De quibus nobis respondeatis cum fueritis requisiti. Dat. ij Nonas Dec. ut supra.

Convocatio canonicorum Beverlacensium ad tractundum cum Domino super negotiis ecclesie.

1286. Dec. 4. Abp. to Chapter, to summon General Convocation of the canons to discuss matters rising out of the visitation.

J. permissione etc. dilectis filiis Capitulo Beverlacensi Salutem etc. Quia in visitatione nostra quam apud vos nuper exercuimus quedam ad utilltatem status ecclesie vestre ordinanda conspeximus, que sine omnium fratrum vel majoris partis eorundem presentia efficaciter non poterunt expediri, devotioni vestre mandamus quatinus singulos confratres vestros convocare curetis, ita quod in capitulo vestro personaliter conveniant die Lune proxima post festum Inventionis S. Crucis, tempestive, ad tractandum ibidem nobiscum et faciendum in premissis quod communi commodo et honestati ecclesie, communicato consilio, viderimus expedire. Quod autem in hac parte feceritis nobis intimetis ad diem per vestras litteras patentes. Dat. etc. ut supra.

Citation against Mr. Thomas de Munkegate, Sacrist of the church of Beverley, for contumacy contracted in the visitation of the said church, addressed to the procurator-general of the chapter of Beverley. Same date.

1286.
Dec. 4.

Collation of Mr. William de Lincoln to the prebend vacant by the resignation of Mr. Robert de la Ford.
Scroby, 4 Kal. Jan., 1286, anno 1.

1286.
Dec. 29.

Visitatio preposIture Beverlacensis.

f. 92 b.—Dilecto in Christo Preposito Beverlacensi Salutem etc. Quia in progressu diocesane visitationis nostre intendimus per Dei gratiam prepositum ipsam die Jovis proxima ante festum Purificationis Beate Marie in ecclesia parochiali de North Burton personaliter visitare, et ea que ad recreationem animarum pertinent paternis affectibus exercere,

1286.
Dec. 6.
Abp. to Provost. Ordering him to be present at diocesan visitation in North Burton Church on Thursday before 2 Feb., and to summon all priests and their parishioners from each parish in the Provostry to attend also.

Devotioni vestre tenore presentium injungimus et mandamus quatinus vos cum ministris vestris dictis die et loco tempestive filiali promptitudine intersitis, nostra salubria monita correctiones et injuncta debita et devota reverentia recepturi. Citetis etiam peremptorie seu faciatis citari omnes rectores vicarios et presbiteros parochialium ecclesiarum et capellarum ac ceteros in eisdem ecclesiis et capellis quibuslibet ministrantes; necnon de singulis parochiis prepositure ejusdem tres parochianos fidedignos, qui dictis die et loco tempestive coram nobis compareant, hujusmodi visitationem nostram devote et humiliter admissuri, exhortationes etiam examinationes et correctiones debitas canonice subituri; nos super hujus executione mandati citra predictam diem Jovis fideliter et distincte per vestras patentes litteras que harum seriem representent, certiores facientes.

Dat. apud Burton viij Idus Decembris pontificatus primo.

Sententia contra detentores trabarum ecclesie Beverlacensis.

f. 70 b.—Suo decano de Holdern[esse] Salutem etc.

1286.
Dec. 26.
Abp. to Dean of Holderness, to exhort the withholders of thraves to pay them;

Prelatorum tepiditas subditos nonnuncquam excitat et impellit quo promptius jura ecclesiastica subtrahunt et decimas utriusque testamenti precepto debitas necnon alia consueta, puta trabas, nonnullis ecclesiis ab antiquo assignatas in eterne salutis dispendium solvere dampnabiliter contradicunt.

Volentes itaque nobis subjectis ecclesiis oportunis remediis salubriter subvenire, devotioni tue firmiter injungendo mandamus, quatinus moneas et sollicitis exhortationibus inducas omnes tui decanatus, qui ad solutionem trabarum ecclesie nostre Beverlacensis astringuntur, quod de arreragiis si que fuerint ministris Capituli et Prepositi ecclesie ejusdem absque more dispendio satisfaciant ut tenentur; alioquin diebus dominicis et aliis solempnibus et festivīs per totum decanatum tuum ipsos in majoris excommunicationis sententiam contra trabarum detentores in ecclesia Beverlacensi annis singulis puplicatam in genere denuncies incidisse; Nos super hujusmodi executione mandati certificans cum ex parte capituli vel prepositi fueris requisitus. Datis Rypon. vij Kal. Jan. anno primo.

or else excommunicate them.

Commissio ad colligendum quartam non residentium in prepositura Beverlacensi.

128$\frac{6}{7}$.
31 Jan.
Abp. to William of Patrington to collect a fourth part of the income of the non-resident clergy in the Provostry and account for it to the Archbishop.

f. 92 b.—J. permissione etc. dilecto in Christo filio Domino Willelmo de Patrington, Salutem gratiam et benedictionem.

Ad colligendum et recipiendum quartam partem beneficiorum beneficiatorum non residentium in prepositura Beverlacensi, tibi cum cohercionis canonice potestate committimus vices nostras. De qua quarta parte te nemini respondere volumus nisi nobis. Datis apud Burton ij Kalendas Februarii pontificatus nostri anno primo.

128$\frac{7}{8}$.
March 17.

Et est memorandum quod ista commissio inveniatur sic.* Willelmo de Patrington et Waltero de Kelk, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem.

De vestra etc. Ad colligendum etc. Vobis conjunctim et divisim cum cohercionis etc Datis apud Burton v Idus Marcii pontificatus nostri anno tertio.

Commissio ad visitandum ecclesias et capellas preposìture.

128$\frac{6}{7}$.
31 Jan.
The Abp. to Mr. W. of Nottingham and R. of Bingham. clerks in immediate attendance on him, to visit all churches and

f. 92b.—J. permissione etc. dilectis in Christo filiis Magistris W. de Notingham et R. de Byham, clericis nostris familiaribus, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem.

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* This is inserted out of its place as a precedent of a commission for the same purpose in another form.

De vestra fideli industria plenius confidentes ad visitandum omnes et singulas ecclesias et capellas prepositure Beverlacensis, et ad corrigendum per decretum et alias, que in ornamentis, libris, ecclesiarum et cancellorum cooperturis, cimiteriorum clausuris, et aliis quibuscumque contingentibus, inveneritis corrigenda, vobis vices nostras committimus, cum cohercionis canonice potestate. Sententias autem, quas rite tuleritis in rebelles, ratas habebimus, easque faciemus, auctore Domino, inviolabiliter observari.

chapels in the Provostry and correct all defects in ornaments, books, roofs of chancels and churches, churchyard, enclosures, etc.

Datis apud Burton ij Kalendas Februarii pontificatus nostri anno primo.

Visitatio capituli Beverlacensis et cleri et populi prebendarum.

Mem. quod scribitur capitulo Beverlacensi quod dominus visitabit illud die Lune proxima post festum B. Andree Dec. 2, 1286, in forma qua scribitur capitulo Rypon. supra.

The visitation of Ripon (f. 69) 30 July, 1286, followed the form of visitation of Siningthwaite in the archdeaconry of York.

1287.
8 Sept.

f. 71.—Collation and induction of Robert de Kirketon deacon to a vicarage in the church of Beverley. Cawode. 6 ides of Sept.. 1287, anno 2.

Littera ad denunciandum aliquem excommunicatum.

1287.
10 Sept.

f. 71 b.—Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis etc. J. permissione etc., Salutem in amplexibus Salvatoris.

Abp. to sons of Holy Mother Church. Notice of excommunication of Mr. Robert of Scarborough, canon of Beverley, for contumacy. Boycott him accordingly

Quoniam excommunicatorum nomina expedit fore nota ne gregem dominicam morbida contagione inficiant et fideles commaculent labe sua, harum vobis serie innotescat quod nos magistrum R. de Scard' canonicum Beverlacensem* majoris excommunicationis sententia innodavimus propter ejusdem contumaciam manifestam, quem excommunicatum fecimus puplice nunciari. Universitati vestre igitur supplicamus attente, quatinus predictum magistrum R. a liminibus ecclesie catholice sequestratum in omni genere communionis preter illam que salutem suam respicit, tam in judicio quam extra judicium evitetis, donec spiritum humilitatis amplexus ad bonum obedientie redierit et caritati ecclesie se conferens absolutionis beneficium promeruerit optinere. In cujus etc.

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* The contumacious canon was also deprived of his deanery of York.
f. 72.—6 Kal. Oct. anno 2 (1287), order to the Chapter of York to choose a new Dean in place of Mr. R. de Scardeburgh, late Dean, "ex pluribus causis legitimis decanatu predicto auctoritate nostra sententialiter et diffinitive sit privatus et amotus judicialiter."

Datis apud Cawode iiij Idus Septembris anno gratie septimo et pontificatus nostri secundo.

Alia forma ad idem Episcopo London.

1287. 10 Sept. A similar letter sent to the Bishop of London, in whose diocese Robert of Scarborough was beneficed.

Episcopo London. J. permissione etc. etc. Exigit maligna excommunicatorum protervitas et ipsorum rebellio superba requirit quod quanto magis ecclesiasticam disciplinam contempnere molliuntur tanto acerbius eos medicinalis ecclesie gladius prosequatur, et spiritum obedientie et respirationis, quem timor Dei non ingerit, rubor saltem communionis vetite, dum fidelibus non communicant, introducat. Hinc est quod cum excommunicatorum nomina expediat fore nota ne fideles inficiant apud quos veritate status tacita ut latitent conversantur, paternitati vestre harum serie intimamus quod nos magistrum R. de Scard' canonicum Beverlacensem propter ejusdem manifestam contumaciam, majoris excommunicationis sententia innodavimus justitia impellente, benevolentie vestre supplicantes (71 b) attente quatinus mutue vicissitudinis obtentu predictum Robertum per vestram civitatem et diocesim sic excommunicatum velitis precipere puplicari et a vestris subditis artius evitari, ne ejus virosa contagio gregem vestram periculosa contaminet labe sua. Vestrum autem beneplacitum nobis rescribi petimus super istis. Conservet vos Altissimus per tempora feliciter successiva.

Dat. ut supra proximo.

f. 72.—6 Kal. Oct. (1287). Order to the Chapter of Beverley to induct Sir Boniface de Augusta, clerk of the King of England, or his proctor Robert de Themlby (*sic*), under apostolic authority, into the canonry which belonged to Mr. R. de Scardburgh.

Ad levandum quartam de prebenda que fuit Magistri R. de Scard' in ecclesia Beverlacensi pro ij^{bus} annis bis debitam.

1287. 8 Dec. Mr. W, Archdeacon of York directed to levy a fourth due for two years on the

f. 72b.—Magistro W. archidiacono Ebor. Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quartam partem proventuum prebende que fuit Magistri R. de Scard' in ecclesia Beverlacensi ratione non residentie ejusdem pro duobus annis nobis bis debitam faciatis levari, nobisque respondeatis de ipsa, detentores predictorum proventuum ad solutionem quarte hujusmodi per ecclesiasticam censuram, si necesse fuerit, cohercendo. Bene valeatis.

prebend lately held by Robert of Scarborough.

Dat. apud Cawode vj. Idus Decembris pont. nostri anno secundo.

Collatio prebende que fuit Magistri Roberti de Famfos in ecclesia Beverlacensi facta Magistro R. de Pykering.

$128\frac{7}{8}$.
10 Mar.
Collation of Mr. Robert of Pickering to prebend in Beverley church which was held by Mr. Robert of Fangfoss.

f. 72b.—J. permissione etc. dilecto in Christo filio Magistro Roberto de Pykering, clerico nostro, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem.

Mores et merita etc. ut supra est. Prebendam igitur que fuit Magistri Roberti de Famfos in ecclesia nostra Beverlacensi per mortem ejusdem vacantem, tibi cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis confirmamus et assignamus, intuitu caritatis.

Dat. apud Burton vj. Idus Martii, anno gratie m°cc° octogesimo septimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Installatio ejusdem.

Installation of the same.

J. permissione etc. dilectis in Christo filiis, Capitulo Beverlacensi, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem.

Quia prebenda que fuit Magistri R. de Famfos in ecclesia nostra Beverlacensi per mortem ejusdem vacantem, dilecto filio Magistro Roberto de Pykering, clerico nostro, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis contulimus intuitu caritatis, devotioni vestre mandamus, quatinus ipsum in fratrem [et concanonicum admittentes, ei stallum in choro et locum in capitulo, ratione prebende huiusmodi debite assignetis, in presentia ejusdem modo consueto quod vestrum est ulterius exequentes].

Dat. ut supra proximo.

Citatio contra Canonicos et Prepositum Beverlacenses ad tractandum super statu ecclesie Beverlacensis.

$128\frac{8}{9}$.
26 Jan.
Abp. to Chapter. At our last visitation we tried to bring back the

f. 73b.—J. permissione etc. dilecto in Christo filio procuratori Capituli Beverlacensis, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem.

Postquam visitationis officium in nostra Beverlacensi ecclesia exercuimus votivo connamine studuimus ecclesiam church to its ancient state as settled by the blessed fathers my predecessors now totally subverted. Other business was in the way; now I am desirous to proceed, so summon a convocation of canons for Tuesday after St. Matthias' day (1 March.)

ipsam ad antiquum statum reducere, quem beati patres predecessores nostri in ea sancta consideratione posuerant et salubriter statuerant observandum, cui profecto non sine cordis amaritudine compatimur dum totaliter subversa cernimus, que circa statum eundem primitive extiterant stabilita. Set occupationes alie ex transverso multipliciter occurrentes nostrum hactenus propositum sequestrarunt quominus operose intendere potu[er]imus hiis premissis. Nunc itaque mentem ad preconcepta eo promptius convertentes quo ea efficacius dirigere zelo cupimus ampliori, devotioni tue injungimus et mandamus quatinus cites peremptorie omnes et singulos canonicos dicte ecclesie et Prepositum etiam ejusdem ecclesie quod compareant coram nobis in capitulo ecclesie memorate die Martis proxima post instans festum B. Mathie Apostoli ad tractandum nobiscum super statu ecclesie et suo etiam, quem communicato consilio intendimus, ministrante Altissimo, ad honorem et profectum ecclesie debita sollicitudine reparare. Super hujus autem executione mandati ad dictum diem certifices per tuas patentes litteras harum continentes tenorem.

Dat. apud Wylton vij. Kalendas Februarii (anno gratie mcc° octogesimo octavo).

1289.
9 April.

f. 73 b.—Collation and induction of Mr. William of Haxeby, clerk, to the prebend vacant by the death of Sir Adenulf. Lanum. 5 Ides of April, 4th year.

Qualiter ecclesia Beverlacensis fuit primo fundata et prebende in eadem fuerant constitute.

1289.
Sept. 16.
Abp. to James, Cardinal Deacon of S. Maria, in Via Lata.
I am trying to put into execution your fatherhood's letter on behalf of Odo, the son of the noble Adenulf, son of Sir Matthew de Papa, for whom the Pope had made provision of a prebend, though this is the tenth Papal provision in my churches in my episcopate, but I am sure you would not have written had you

f. 74 b.—Venerabili in Christo patri domino Jacobo, Dei gratia Sancte Marie in Via Lata diacono cardinali, J. permissione ejusdem Ebor. etc., Salutem et cum votiva reverentia jocunditatem continuam et honorem.

Paternitatis vestre litteras pro Oddono clerico, nato nobilis viri Adenulfi [filii] quondam Domini Mathei de Papa de Anagnia, cui dominus noster summus Pontifex in ecclesia nostra Beverlacensi de canonicatu et prebenda providit, reverenter recepimus et preces vestras pro ipso quantum ad nos pertinuit, quamquam hec sit decima provisio in nostris ecclesiis hiis diebus, prompte curavimus adimplere, quas non interposuissetis, ut veraciter attendimus, si status prefate ecclesie qui summum pontificem et vos latet omnino vestre prudentie esset notus. Rex vero quidam Anglorum quondam sanctissimus in Dei honorem et venerationem B. Johannis archiepiscopi et confessoris specialiter dictam fundavit ecclesiam, eamque possessionibus quas optinet sua subventione dotavit, stabiliens inibi septem presbiteros perpetuos missas celebrantes, qui, in esculentis coctis et poculentis cotidianum victum recipientes, Deo dictoque confessori in loco ipso sub personali residentia officiosissime deservirent. Et ut in pacifico et quieto obsequio ecclesiastico Deo famularentur ibidem ab inquietatione seculari omnimoda segregati, memoratus rex Deo devotissimus suprascriptam ecclesiam tantis dotavit libertatibus, quod nullam habet quoad conditionem status in Anglia sibi parem. Super quibus dum locum ipsum jure ordinario personaliter visitavimus cartam prefati regis vidimus Anglica lingua conscriptum cujus sententia intuentibus est piissima et horribilis profecto presumentibus contra ipsam. Set, quod absit, non ponimus os in celum dum hec vobis ostendimus, cum ad exonerationem conscientie dumtaxat ista cogamur vobis cum reverentia aperire, parati jugiter apostolicis vestrisque mandatis humiliter obedire. Incolumitatem vestram conservet Altissimus temporibus diuturnis.

known the state of Beverley Minster. The king of England who founded it in honour of S. John of Beverley established there seven priests to celebrate mass, receiving their daily diet in cooked food and drink with strict obligation of personal residence. That they might be free from all secular disquiet he endowed it with such liberties that no other church in England has the like. When I lately visited it I saw the king's charter written in the English tongue in such terms as to be appalling to those who presume to controvert it. I only say this for your information, being ready to obey the Pope and you.

Dat. apud Wylton xvj. Kal. Octobris anno gratie m^o^cc^o^ octogesimo ix^o^.

Memorandum quod consimiles littere directe fuissent Dominis B. Sancti Nicholai in Carcere Tulliano et P. Sancti Eustachii, Diaconis Cardinalibus, per omnia, preter sub salutatione, "Salutem et felicibus successibus jugiter habundare, et salutem cum promptissimo pro viribus famulatu."

$12\frac{89}{90}$.
4 Jan.

f. 74 b.—Commission to Mr. R. de Pikering, Official, to offer to Mr. Henry de Carleton the prebend of Mr. R. de Scard' lawfully vacant. Broddesworth 2 Nones of January 1289.

Citacio contra Canonicos, Prepositum, Sacristam, Precentorem et Cancellarium ecclesie Beverlacensis ad residendum.

$12\frac{89}{90}$.
March 23.
Abp. to Chapter.
Since in the matter of residence which I demand from

f. 75 b.—J. permissione etc. dilectis in Christo filiis Capitulo ecclesie nostre Beverlacensis, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem.

Cum in negotio ex officio nostro contra vos ex diu moto you in accordance with the primitive constitution of the church, some of you have proved contumacious not coming or setting up any defence; and others appearing by proxy only.

super reformatione status ecclesie ejusdem Beverlacensis ac personali residentia, quam a vobis exigimus in eadem ecclesia, sicut justum fuerit, faciendam, et maxime juxta statum ejusdem ecclesie primitivum facta et laudabili auctoritate regia ab initio ordinatum, quosdam ex vobis post plures prefixiones seu citationes a nobis precise et peremptorie sibi factas invenerimus totaliter contumaces non solum in non veniendo set in non proponendo nec exhibendo aliquid quod sibi forsan competere posset ad defensionem contra nostram exactionem predictam; quosdamque alios ex vobis reperierimus contra formam citationis seu prefixionis sibi facte per alium minus legitime comparentes:

Wishing to abstain from coercion, order you to summon the Provost, Masters Walter of Gloucester, William of Louth and William of Haxby, canons, William of Hamilton, Precentor, Mr. Robert of Byham, Chancellor, and Thomas of Monkgate, Sacrist, to appear in person on Monday before 24 June next.

Nos nichilominus propter verba pacis, quam quidam ex vobis nobis bona fide, sicut apparuit, obtulerunt, condescendere ultra strictam rationem equitati volentes, et manum nostram benigne adhuc a cohercionibus temperantes, vobis sub pena canonice districtionis firmiter injungendo mandamus, quatinus hec omnia omnibus canonicis et officiatis ejusdem ecclesie Beverlacensis absentibus per litteras vestras fideliter intimantes, Prepositum Beverlacensem, Magistros Walterum de Glovernia, Willelmum de Luda, Willelmum de Haxeby, canonicos, Dominum W. de Hamelton, Precentorem, Magistrum R. de Byham, Cancellarium, et Magistrum Thomam de Munkegate, Sacristam ejusdem ecclesie, ex parte vestra, precise et peremptorie sine tarditate qualibet, citare curetis, quod propter negotii vehementiam personaliter compareant coram nobis in capitulo nostro ejusdem ecclesie Beverlacensis die Lune proxima ante festum Nativitatis S. Johannis Baptiste proximo futurum, sub pena contumaciarum suarum preteritarum, necnon et ulterius super toto negotio principali pro reformatione status ejusdem ecclesie et residentia personali quam requirimus, inchoato, audituri, facturi et recepturi quod juxta qualitatem et naturam negotii prelibati, et secundum processum prehabitum in eodem justitia suadebit, nisi pax et quies super premissis a vobis hactenus prelocuta forsan fuerit justis considerationibus unanimiter reformata. Ad quos diem Lune et locum predictum ex habundanti consimiliter peremptorie et personaliter tenore presentium vos citamus.

19 June.

Quid igitur super premissis omnibus et singulis, quantum ad citationem pertinet faciendam, in forma predicta feceritis, nos per litteras vestras patentes harum de verbo ad verbum seriem continentes non tardetis pro loco et tempore reddere certiores.

Dat. apud Burton ix. Kalendas Aprilis pontificatus nostri anno quinto.

*The case for residence stated.**

Slip between ff. 75-76.—Canonici et prebendarii ecclesie Beverlacensis tenentur de jure communi, necnon et ex constitutione ordinatione et diffinitione bone memorie Johannis nuper Ebor. archiepiscopi [Anglie] primatis, in eadem ecclesia personaliter residere; quodque publicum est et notorium, quod iidem canonici sic personaliter residere consueverunt per tempora diuturna. Canonici qui nunc sunt in ipsa ecclesia residere non curarunt neque in forma et juxta exigentiam juris communis neque constitutionis seu ordinationis predictarum. Licet de conse[nsu] unanimi omnium et singulorum tunc canonicorum dicte ecclesie ac ad submissionem et requisitionem eorundem et eorum cuilibet sancta ordinatio procedebat. Hiis non cont . . . canonici ut pretenditur absentes et nullatenus residentes cotidianas distributiones a Bederna viz. esculenta sua et poculenta non modica pro suf . . . sua et suorum singulis diebus, etiam quibus absentes fuerint tam a dicta ecclesia quam villa Beverlaci, nec aliquibus horis canonicis interfuerint in ecclesia antedicta ex[egerunt] exigi procurarunt et fecerunt, ac per multa retroacta tempora perceperunt, contra formam vim et effectum tam juris communis quam cujuslibet constitutionis super eis edite . . . scienter ut videtur non absque contemptu canonis ac statuentium et ordinantium jus et constitutiones predictas.

Quodque iidem canonici et prebendarii habentes prebendas suas viz. . . . ecclesie Beverlacensis dudum parochialis subsequenter in diversas prebendas et portiones divise, ac, ut videtur, non modicam curam animarum obtinentes, parochianosque viz. . . . eciam quamplures in remotis et locis valde distantibus ab ecclesia Beverlacensi predicta.

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* This seems to have been a draft for some proceeding of Archbishop Neville's, as to which see post, p. 202 *seq.*

Inductio prebende quondam Domini B. de Augusta in ecclesia Beverlacensi per provisionem apostolicam.

1290.
24 April.
The Chapter are directed in pursuance of a Papal provision to induct Aymo de Carto, Papal chaplain into the prebend lately resigned by Sir B. de Augusta, Bishop elect of Sion.

f. 75 b.—Capitulo Beverlacensi, Salutem gratiam et benedictionem. Cum sanctissimus pater, Dominus Nicolaus, Papa quartus, canonicatum et prebendam quos venerabilis pater, Dominus B. Sedunensis electus, olim in Beverlacensi ecclesia optinebat, nunc per resignationem ejusdem vacantes, Aymoni de Carto, capellano suo, contulerit, sicut per litteras apostolicas quas vobis inspiciendas mittimus, evidencius nobis constat, Devotioni vestre injungendo mandamus quatinus procuratori dicti Aymonis has nostras litteras deferenti stallum in choro et locum in capitulo ejus nomine ratione prebende hujusmodi assignantes, quod vestrum est ulterius exequamini debite in premissis. Valeatis.

Datis in manerio nostro juxta Westmonasterium viij Kalendas Maii pontificatus nostri anno quinto.

Finalis concordia inter Dominum Archiepiscopum et Magistrum R. de Scardeburg', quondam Decanum Eboracensem.

1290.
May 8.
Agreement made at the direction of King Edward I. to end the controversies between the Abp. and Mr. Robert of Scarborough as to the deanery and prebend of Husthwaite in York Minster, a prebend in Beverley Minster, and the parish church of Adlingfleet, York diocese.

Noverint universi quod cum inter venerabilem patrem ac dominum Johannem Dei gratia Ebor. archiepiscopum etc. et Magistrum Robertum de Scardeburg', occasione quorundam processuum et sententiarum quarundam habitorum et latarum contra eundem Magistrum R. quoad decanatum Ebor. ecclesie, et quoad prebendam de Hustwayt in eadem ecclesia, et quoad quandam prebendam in ecclesia Beverlacensi, et quoad ecclesiam parochialem de Athelingflet Ebor. dioc., materia gravis discordie fuisset exorta, tandem, ad beneplacitum magnifici principis Domini E. Dei gratia Regis Anglie illustris, totius hujusmodi materia contentionis conquievit in hunc modum; videlicet.

Mr. R. of Scarborough resigns all the benefices mentioned.

Quod remissis utrobique injuriis offensionibus ac malivolentiis quibuscunque predictus Magister R. totum jus quod habuit vel habere potuit in dignitate et beneficiis antedictis mera et spontanea voluntate in manus dicti Domini Ebor. pure et absolute totaliter resignavit.

The Abp. unwilling that so great a man should be left without adequate

Predictus vero Dominus Archiepiscopus nolens talem ac tantum virum absque sustentatione congrua et competenti aliquatenus desolatum relinqui, ad caritativam dicti

Domini Regis instantiam et voluntatem, concessit pro se et successoribus suis de consensu sui capituli quod perpetuo dicto Magistro R. solvet, eidem vel ejus certo procuratori litteras acquietantie deferenti, quadringentas marcas sterlingorum in palatio dicti Domini archiepiscopi apud Ebor. ad duos anni terminos, viz. in festo Natalis Domini cc^{tas} marcas, et in festo Nativitatis B. Johannis Baptiste cc^{tas} marcas, incipiente primo termino solutionis in festo Natalis Domini proximo futuro: In super concessit ei quod omnia sequestra in decanatu et aliis beneficiis memoratis faciet relaxari et omnia bona et fructus que fuerint in predictis dignitate et beneficiis tempore quo Dominus Rex de manu sua ea dimisit et que ad manus hominum dicti Magistri R. non devenerunt eidem restitui faciet quantum in ipso est:

support, grants with consent of his Chapter an annuity of 400 marks payable at Christmas and Midsummer in his palace at York.

Also the fruits of the benefices since the King released them are to be paid to Mr. R.

Et ut predicta omnia robur optineant firmitatis tam predictus Dominus Ebor. quam predictus Magister R. huic scripto tripartito, cujus una pars penes Dominum Regem, alia penes Dominum Ebor., et tertia penes dictum Magistrum R. residebit, sua una cum sigillo capituli Ebor. fecerunt apponi sigilla.

Actis et datis apud Westmonasterium viij Idus Maii anno gratie etc. nonagesimo.

Ordinatio super residentia canonicorum in ecclesia Beverlacensi.

1290.
June 20.
Ordinance as to residence of canons made by way of compromise of proceedings by the Abp. against the Canons.

f. 76b.—In Dei nomine Amen. Tenore presentium pateat universis quod cum venerabilis pater Dominus Johannes Dei gratia etc. a canonicis ecclesie S. Johannis Beverlacensis residentiam canonicam, tam a jure communi quam precipue ex constitutione seu ordinatione primaria Adelstani, dudum Anglie regis illustris, notorie debitam, ex officio sue ordinarie potestatis procedens contra eosdem repetitis vicibus exegisset, et super hoc contra eosdem per diversas citationes, prefixiones et assignationes dierum pluribus temporum curriculis diutius processisset, prout in processu super hoc habito et sigillo ejusdem patris signato plenius continetur, demum anno gratie m^{o}cc^{o} nonagesimo xij Kalendas Julii, viz. die Martis proxima ante festum B. Johannis Baptiste in capitulo ejusdem ecclesie B. Johannis Beverlacensis coram patre predicto presente, Magistri Johannes de Peninston, Walterus de Glovernia, Robertus de Pikering, Willelmus de Lincolnia, Willelmus de Haxeby et Henricus de Carleton, canonici ejusdem ecclesie B. Johannis Beverlacensis, personaliter presentes ibidem, et post tractatum per viam pacis tunc et alias habitum super negotio supradicto, advertentes circumspectius fore amicabiliter rem decidi quam sub discrimine litis future per ambigua . . . a [verti] processuum judiciali calculo terminari. Tandem concorditer et unanimiter communi consilio consesserunt expresse:

Every Canon to reside 24 weeks a year continuously or at intervals; the share of those who are absent in any year in the corrody from the Bedern and oblations at the altars and in the church going to those who reside; except the offerings belonging to the prebend held by William of Louth.

Quod omnes iidem canonici decetero in eadem ecclesia B. J. B. residentiam per viginti quatuor septimanas in anno continuam seu interpellatam per menses vel septimanas, ad minus a festo S. Michaelis proximo futuro annis singulis faciant personalem, ita quod portiones aliorum quos forsan uno anno vel alio abesse contigerit quantum ad corrodium de Bederna, et quicquid ad eosdem absentes quoad oblationes altaribus vel in ecclesia noscitur pertinere, ceteris quos residere contigerit singulis annis accrescant, portione venerabilis viri Magistri Willelmi de Luda, canonici ejusdem ecclesie, quantum ad oblationes ejusdem ecclesie canonicatui quem optinet deputata dumtaxat excepta, corrodium tamen spectans ad prebendam suam si ipsum vel alium de successoribus suis non contigerit residere, ceteris residentibus accrescat. Quod si eodem Magistro Willelmo, vel aliquo de successoribus suis in eadem prebenda, forsitan residente, aliquos de aliis canonicis non contigerit residere, sibi vel alii de successoribus suis, ut parilitas hinc inde servetur, de oblationibus spectantibus ad absentes omnino nichil accrescat.

This accepted as sufficient.

Idem vero pater predictus versa vice eorundem canonicorum humilitatem devotionem et bonam fidem attendens oblatam sibi residentiam hujusmodi, ad quam ipsos et omnes successores suos inprebendis, quas inpresentiarum optinent, necnon et canonicum prebendarium altaris B. Martini in ecclesia Sancti Johannis Beverlacensis et ejus successores in prebenda quam optinet in presenti, de consensu unanimi et expresso omnium dictorum sex canonicorum totaliter in forma predicta astringi voluit ordinabiliter et decrevit, salvo jure ordinarie potestatis, benigne admisit, ad devotam ipsorum instantiam favorabiliter concedens eisdem quod cum aliqui eorundem canonicorum residentiam per duodecim septimanas in ecclesia predicta peregerint personalem, deductionem pro portionibus aliorum non residentium quoad corrodium et oblationes pro rata tanti temporis superius designatam sine calumpnia qualibet protinus facere valeant, et illas unacum suis propriis percipere portiones. Ita tamen quod idem canonici non minus teneantur ad residentiam aliarum duo-

Any canon who has resided 12 weeks may take his proportionate share of those absent.

decim septimanarum anni plene et fideliter adimplendam nisi justum impedimentum occurrat, super quo capitulo Beverlacensi legitime fides fiat.

The question of the Provost, Precentor, Sacrist, Chancellor and seven clerks of the Berfell reserved.

Statum vero Domini Petri Prepositi Beverlacensis et successorum suorum in prepositura eadem, quantum ad quedam que commodum ipsorum et utilitatem ejusdem ecclesie B. Johannis respicere dinoscuntur, ac insuper Precentoris, Sacriste, Cancellarii et septem clericorum de Berefeld' ejusdem ecclesie idem pater ordinationi sue de consilio canonicorum ejusdem ecclesie usque in aliud tempus magis congruum faciende ex certis considerationibus reservavit.

In quorum omnium testimonium atque robur sigillum Domini Archiepiscopi ac sigillum Capituli ecclesie predicte Beverlacensis presentibus per modum cirograffi confectis apposita sunt hinc inde. Actis et datis anno gratie die et loco predictis.

Citatio contra Prepositum, Sacristam, Cancellarium et Precentorum ac septem Clericos.

1290.
June 22.
Chapter directed to summon the Provost, Precentor, Sacrist, Chancellor, and seven clerks of Berfeld to settle the question of residence reserved in their case.

76 b.—Capitulo Beverlacensi Salutem gratiam et benedictionem.

Cum in negotio ex officio nostro contra vos ex diu moto super reformatione status ecclesie Beverlacensis ac personali residentia quam a vobis exegimus in eadem ecclesia, sicut justum fuerit faciendam, pax prout nostis ad Dei et Beati Johannis laudem et ipsius ecclesie utilitatem fuerit reformata, ac statum Domini Petri Prepositi Beverlacensis et successorum suorum in prepositura eadem, quantum ad quedam que commodum ipsorum et utilitatem ipsius ecclesie Beverlacensis respicere dignoscuntur, ac insuper Precentoris, Sacriste, Cancellarii et septem clericorum de Berefeld', ordinationi nostre de consilio vestro usque in aliud tempus magis congruum ex certis considerationibus reservaverimus faciende, vobis sub pena canonice districtionis firmiter injungendo mandamus, quatinus memoratos Prepositum [Precentorem] Sacristam, Cancellarium et septem clericos de Berefeld' precise et peremptorie citare curetis quod propter negotii vehementiam statum contingentis eorundem personaliter compareant coram nobis in capitulo nostro ecclesie Beverlacensis die Lune proxima ante instans festum Beati Michaelis super reformatione status ejusdem ecclesie et residentia personali quam requirimus ab eisdem, ordinationem nostram audituri, et ulterius facturi et recepturi juxta qualitatem et naturam negotii contra ipsos hactenus inchoati quod justitia sua debit.

Quid igitur super premissis omnibus et singulis quantum ad citationem pertinet faciendam in forma predicta feceritis, nos per vestras patentes litteras harum de verbo ad verbum seriem continentes non tardetis pro loco et tempore reddere certiores.

Dat. apud Burton x Kalendas Julii pontificatus v^{to}.

Procuratorium ad vendendum trabas prebende Magistri H. de Carleton in ecclesia Beverlacensi.

1290.
16 July.
Abp. appoints Proctors to sell the thraves belonging to Mr. Henry of Carlton's prebend specially granted to the Abp.

f. 77.—Noverint universi quod nos J. permissione etc. dilectos nobis in Christo W. de Jarewelle, Decanum nostrum Beverlacensem, et Robertum de Langetoft, presbiterum, ad vendendum trabas ad prebendam Magistri H. de Carleton in ecclesia Beverlacensi spectantes, que ad nos pertinent ex privilegio nobis concesso, nostros procuratores facimus et constituimus per presentes, quibus sigillum nostrum appendi fecimus in testimonium premissorum.

Datis apud Bridlington xvij kalendas Augusti anno gratie mcc^{o} nonagesimo et pontificatus quinto.

Quod Magister W. de Lincolnia residens juxta latus domini percipiat integraliter fructus et proventus prebende sue.

1290.
31 July.
Mr. William of Lincoln, residing with the Abp., to count as resident in Beverley Minster.

Capitulo nostro Beverlacensi Salutem gratiam et benedictionem.

Cum personaliter residentes in collegiatis ecclesiis aliosque confratres de prelatorum precepto ecclesiarum negotiis alibi utiliter insistentes et illos presertim qui prelatorum assistunt lateribus jura non immerito parificent, ac dilectus filius Magister W. de Lincolnia vester concanonicus pro nostris et ecclesie nostre negotiis jam ad Curiam de nostro speciali precepto transtulerit se Romanam, devotioni vestre injungimus et mandamus quatinus prefato Magistro W. vestro concanonico de prebenda sua ac omnibus aliis ad ipsam prebendam spectantibus secundum quod ea percepit hactenus absque contradictione et diminutione qualibet faciatis integraliter responderi.

Dat. Rypon ij Kalendas Augusti.

f. 77.—Oblation of the prebend of Mr. William de Luda, then vacant, to Bartholomew de Ferent' (? Ferentino) or any other proctor of Sir Oddo, son of the noble man Adenulf, son of the late Sir Matthew de Papa of Anagni, canon of Beverley.

Pro provisione de dignitate personatu vel officio in ecclesia Beverlacensi Domino Aymoni de Quarto facta.

1290. 24 Aug. The Provost and Chapter directed to carry out papal provision in favour of Aymo de Quarto.

J. permissione etc. dilectis in Christo filiis Preposito et Capitulo ac singulis canonicis ecclesie nostre Beverlacensis Salutem etc. Mandatum apostolicum et executorum a sede apostolica deputatorum quod super provisione facienda . . . Domino Aymoni de Quarto de personatu dignitate vel officio in dicta ecclesia Beverlacensi cum vacaverit et reservatione facta recepimus per Antonium S. . . . procuratorem dicti Aymonis vobis mittimus inspiciendum et omnia contenta in ipso vobis juxta formam nobis injunctam notificamus expresse. Bene valeatis. Dat. apud Suwelle ix Kalendas Septembris, pont. nostri anno quinto.

Dated at Southwell, Notts.

1290. 30 Aug.

f. 77b.—Collation and induction of Charles of Beaumont, clerk, at the request of Queen Eleanor, to whom he was related in blood (cui in consanguinitatis linea attinere dignosceris) to the prebend, late held by Mr. William de Luda, elect of Ely. Lanum iij Kal. Sept. 1290, anno v^{to}.

Pro primis fructibus prebende Domini Caroli de Bello monte in ecclesia Beverlacensi.

1290. Sept. 29. Abp. to Chapter. See that John of Lockington, vicar [choral] duly answers for the fruits of the prebend of Sir Charles of Beaumont this year specially granted by papal indulgence to the fabric of the Minster.

J. permissione etc. Capitulo Beverlacensi Salutem gratiam et benedictionem.

Johanni de Lokington, vicario ecclesie vestre, quem ad colligendum et percipiendum omnes fructus et proventus prebende Domini Karoli de Bellomonte isto anno ad fabricam ecclesie nostre ex privilegio indulto spectantes specialiter deputamus, faciatis integre sicut convenit responderi. Valeatis.

Dat. apud Burton ij Kalendas Octobris pontificatus nostri anno v^{to}.

Super hoc scribitur Preposito vel ejus locum tenenti quod faciant sibi responderi.

The like to the Provost.

Ordinatio super residentia canonicorum officiatorum et vij clericorum de Berefeld' in ecclesia Beverlacensi.*

1290. 8 Nov. Ordinance on residence of the members of the minster.

f. 78.—Universis ad quos pervenerit notitia scripti presentis Johannes, etc., Salutem in auctore salutis.

Grieved at the default of the canons and other officers and clerks as regards residence, which has fallen away from common law and especially from the original foundation of King Athelstan.

Cum nos nuper dolentes et plangentes defectum et statum moderni temporis canonicorum et aliorum officialium et clericorum ecclesie Sancti Johannis Beverlacensis quantum ad residentiam canonicam tam a jure communi quam precipue ex constitutione seu ordinatione primaria Adelstani quondam Anglie regis illustris fundatoris ecclesie predicte Sancti Johannis notorie debitam, que per multa retro tempora per inertiam seu incuriam tam superiorum quam inferiorum in desuetudinem deviam abiit et recessit, eosdem canonicos ecclesie prelibate Sancti Johannis, vocatis vocandis et diligenter auditis de plano que faciebant ad negotium universis.

At length, with the canons' consent, we have revived the reasonable residence of Canons of 24 weeks a year.

Demum de eorundem canonicorum expresso consensu per ordinationem nostram in capitulo Beverlacensi ex officio nostro factam ad observantiam residentie rationabilis per viginti quatuor septimanas sub certa forma annis singulis faciende temporato continuitatis rigore reduxerimus equanimiter redivivam, prout in instrumento super hoc confecto ac sigillo nostro et sigillo capituli ejusdem ecclesie Beverlacensis consingnato plenius et expressius continetur. Subsequenter ad reformationem status Prepositi, Precentoris, Sacriste, Cancellarii et septem clericorum de Berefeld' ejusdem ecclesie Beverlacensis quantum ad residentiam mores et alia secundum pristinam consuetudinem contingentia statum ipsorum similiter ex officio nostro ad salutem animarum suarum fideliter laborantes, ac juxta naturam et qualitatem negotii contra ipsos hactenus incohati, pro quiete ipsorum, ad honorem Dei, et consummationem negotii procedere intendentes, ipsos Prepositum, Precentorem, Sacristam, Cancellarium et memoratos septem clericos de Berefeld', coram nobis per decretum et citationes legitimas in capitulo nostro Beverlacensi ad diem (Sept. 25) Lune proximam ante festum B. Michaelis proximo preteritum peremptorie fecimus evocari, ordinationem nostram super ipsorum residentia et aliis supradictis cum librando moderamine faciendam, sub debito obedientie audituros et pariter suscepturos.

Reserving the question of the Provost, Precentor, Sacrist, Chancellor, and seven clerics of the Barfell to Monday after Michaelmas.

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* The first part of this is printed from the Chapter Act Book, vol. i. p. 190.

Quibus die et loco predictis Preposito, Sacrista, Cancellario, et quatuor clericis de Berefeld', viz., Magistro Johanne de Kancia, Roberto de Crachalle, Petro de Rudby, et Roberto de Cruce, coram nobis per se personaliter constitutis, ac Osberto de Spaldington per Ricardum dictum Laurance, et Willelmo Dandewe per Johannem de Lokyngtona, procuratores suos legitime constitutos comparentibus, coram nobis die et loco predictis, nullo pro septimo clerico eisdem die et loco coram nobis aliqualiter comparente; pro eo, quod Canonici ejusdem ecclesie una voce unanimiter asserebant prefatum Sacristam ipso facto sibi percipere totum corrodium quod septimo clerico pro jure suo assignatum fuerat ab antiquo. Iidem Sacrista, Cancellarius et prenominat iquatuor clerici de Berefeld' sicut dictum est personaliter per se presentes ac Ricardus dictus Laurance et Johannes de Lokyngtona, procuratores, ut predicitur Osberti de Spaldyngton et W. Dandewe clericorum de Berefeld tunc absentium, et prefatus Cancellarius procurator legitimus Precentoris predicti, quasi uno ore unanimiter et expresse, consilio insuper et assensu dictorum canonicorum et Prepositi concurrente, se secundum bonam fidem et ordinationem primariam de statu eorundem antiquitus observatam supposuerunt et subjecerunt omni ordinationi seu constitutioni nostre, quam super exacta residentia ab eisdem et reformatione morum suorum ac aliis contingentibus statum suum ex deliberato consilio ad honorem Dei et salutem animarum suarum decernere seu facere aut pronunciare vellemus; promittentes insuper bona fide quod quicquid super hujusmodi residentia et aliis supradictis decerneremus vel faceremus seu pronunciaremus per ordinationem nostram exinde faciendum perpetuis temporibus pro se et suis successoribus in eadem ecclesia sine contradictione et reclamatione qualibet ratum et firmum habebunt. Nos autem ipsorum devotionem, humilitatem, bonam fidem et obedientiam attendentes et ideo cum ipsis mitius atque maturius agere cupientes, eisdem Sacriste, Cancellario tam pro se quam pro Precentore jam dicto, et prenominatis quatuor clericis de Berefeld' presentibus et prefatis aliorum procuratoribus in personis dominorum suorum predictorum clericorum de Berefeld' tunc absentium, de expresso consensu omnium eorundem, hunc instantem diem Mercurii proximum ante festum Sancti Martini in hyeme pro certo termino peremptorio et preciso ad audiendum et pariter suscipiendum ordinationem nostram

On which day they appeared personally or by proxy.

Exempt the seventh clerk of the Berfell, who did not appear because his portion had been long ago assigned to the Sacrist.

And subjected themselves to the Archbishop's ordinance.

8 Nov. Assigned for the ordinance.

super omnibus suspradictis, et pro plenaria consummatione negotii, sive venerint sive non, finaliter duxerimus ordinandum. Cum igitur super toto processu predicto precedentibus diebus diversis prout nobis vacabat et fieri potuit, expedito, nobis hoc instanti die Mercurii predicto prenominatis sicut predicitur assingnato, in hoc capitulo ecclesie Beverlacensis pro tribunali sedentibus ad plenum et legitime constet, recitato in primis coram nobis et aliis toto processu predicto in forma superius desingnata ac (f. 78 b.) Canonicis, Precentore, Sacrista, Cancellario, Preposito et aliis clericos de Berefeld' sufficienter comparentibus, ac suas voluntatem, subjectionem, suppositionem, promissionem et omnem consensum suum laudantibus et expresse facientibus iterato, et renunciato expresse omnibus si que fieri possent appellationibus, pronunciationibus, exceptionibus, defensionibus, privilegiis, indulgentiis, libertatibus ac omnibus impetratis, seu si que possent futuris temporibus impetrari, et insuper per adjectionem vehementer apud nos instantibus cum effectu, quod ad decretum seu ordinationem vel declarationem seu provisionem, constitutionem seu pronunciationem nostram super residentia et statu predictorum Precentoris, Sacriste, Cancellarii, Prepositi et aliorum septem clericorum de Berefeld' sicut melius viderimus expedire protinus procedamus.

8 Nov. The Precentor, Sacrist, Chancellor, and six clerks of the Barfell, ordered to be always resident.

Nos in nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti fundationem hujus ecclesie Beati Johannis Beverlacensis primariam attendentes, ac ordinationem, precepta et voluntatem Deo devotorum principum similiter advertentes ac cartas, litteras et instrumenta libertatum hujus ecclesie, quorum aliquorum copiam habemus ad manus singnanter seriosius revolventes, ac super omnia ad statum primitivum hujus ecclesie ac aliorum officialium et septem clericorum predictorum ex officii nostri libramine debitum respectum habentes, Canonicorum et Prepositi hujus ecclesie ac aliorum communicato consilio peritorum, providemus, ordinamus, declaramus, decernimus, promulgamus, pronunciamus et etiam puplicamus, quod omnes prenominati Precentor, Sacrista, Cancellarius et alii clerici de Berefeld' ejusdem ecclesie, nunc numero sex, qui cotidianam in victualibus et aliis necessariis exhibitionem et sustentationem continuam pro suis servitiis percipiunt ab eadem, versa vice pro officii sui debito cotidianam et continuam residentiam faciant in eadem circa officiationem et exhibitionem servitii sui diebus et noctibus in eadem ecclesia facturi de cetero, quod a predecessoribus eorundem fieri consuevit ab antiquo. Salva tamen nobis tantummodo [et successoribus nostris] potestate [sicut nobis de jure nunc incumbentibus] Sacriste, Cancellario et sex clericis de Berefeld' nunc in Capitulo de Beverlaco presentibus ad tempus dispensationis gratiam exhibendi prout nobis visum fuerit expedire, onera et gravamina, si apareant ad tempus, largius vel recisius relaxandi, de septimo clerico, qui deficit, et ipsius corrodio ordinandi, contumacias preteritas multorum de predictis debita pena plectendi, ac circa omnia et singula supradicta declarandi, exequendi et faciendi, quod ad honorem Dei et Beati Johannis ac aliorum sanctorum omnium, necnon ad salutem animarum suarum quotiens expedire viderimus visum nobis fuerit oportunum. Statum vero Domini Petri, Prepositi Beverlacensis, et successorum suorum in prepositura eadem, quantum ad quedam que comodum ipsorum et utilitatem ejusdem ecclesie Beati Johannis Beverlacensis respicere dinoscuntur usque in aliud tempus magis congruum facienda, ex certis considerationibus reservamus. Et quia memorati Precentor, Sacrista et Cancellarius officiorum suorum ac dicti clerici de Berefeld' sigilla propria non habent, ad ipsorum instantiam de consensu eorundem sigillum [nostrum una cum sigillo Capituli et Prepositi dicte ecclesie Beverlacensis huic instrumento per modum cirograffi confecto est appensum in premissorum fidem et testimonium veritatis.

The Provost's case reserved.

Actis et datis in hoc capitulo nostro hujus ecclesie nostre Beverlacensis hac instanti die Mercurii predicto proxima ante festum S. Martini A.D. m^{o}cc^{o} nonagesimo et pontificatus nostri quinto.

Citatio contra officiatos et vij clericos de Berefeld', quod faciant residentiam in ecclesia Beverlacensi.

1290.
29 Nov.
Abp. to the Chapter's Proctor. Order to summon the Precentor, Chancellor, Sacrist, and seven clerks of the Berfell to enter

f. 78 b.—Johannes permissione, etc., procuratori Capituli Beverlacensis, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem.

Cum Precentor, Cancellarius, Sacrista et septem clerici de Berf' in nostra Beverlacensi ecclesia, tam de consuetudine antiqua quam ex ordinatione nostra etiam subsecuta, residentiam teneantur facere personalem, devotioni tue man-

Personally on continuous residence within one month or show cause to the contrary.

demus, quatinus ipsos Precentorem, Cancellarium, Sacristam et clericos moneas et inducas, quod infra mensem a die monitionis sibi facte, ad ipsam ecclesiam veniant, facturi, ut tenentur, personalem residentiam in eadem; Denuncians publice in ipsa ecclesia, quod nisi tunc venerint et residentiam fecerint, vel aliquid legitimum seu rationabile pro se posituri, contra ipsos quatinus natura hujusmodi permittit negotii, suadente justitia, procedemus. Et nos super hujusmodi executione mandati citra dictum mensem certifices per tuas patentes litteras, que harum seriem representent.

Dat. apud Cawode iij Kalendas Decembris pontificatus etc. anno quinto.

Commissio ad audiendum ratiocinia Mathei de Bridelington.

1290. Nov. 29. Abp. to Dean and bailiff of Beverley to take the accounts of the executors of Matthew of Bridlington.

78 b.—J. permissione etc.. Dilecto in Christo filio, Decano nostro Beverlacensi, Dominis W. de Patrington et Henrico de Menille, ballivo nostro Beverlacensi, Salutem gratiam et benedictionem.

Ad audiendum et recipiendum ratiocinia executorum Mathei de Bridelington defuncti in bonis ipsius et ad referendum nobis que videritis referenda, vobis cum potestate cohercionis canonice committimus vices nostras. Quod si non omnes etc. duorum vestrum etc.

Datis apud Cawode iij Kalendas Decembris pontificatus etc. anno quinto.

Admissio Onufrii dicti de Trebis cui est provisum de (prebenda) proxima vacatura in ecclesia Beverlacensi per decanum S. Pauli, London., cum protestatione in fine admissionis inserta.

1291. June 27. Abp. to Chapter. William de Montfort, Dean of St. Paul's, London, by Papal authority, having provided Sir Onufrius, called Pope of Trevi, brother of Sir Nicholas, the Lord Pope's chamberlain, with the next vacant canonry and prebend in

f. 81 b.—Capitulo Beverlacensi, Salutem, etc.

Cum reverendus vir Magister Willelmus de Monte forti, Decanus S. Pauli Londoniensis, auctoritate apostolica, ut dicitur, sibi concessa, Domino Onufrio, dicto Pape de Trebis, fratri venerabilis viri, Domini Nicholai, Domini Pape camerarii, de canonicatu et prebenda in nostra Beverlacensi ecclesia nulli alii de jure debita proxima providerit vacatura, sicut per litteras executorias, quas vobis inspiciendas mittimus, liquere videtur; Nosque visis et intellectis litteris omnibus nobis in hujusmodi negotio exhibitis, quatenus de jure ac juris necessitate potuimus et debuimus, Jacobum de Regio, qui se dicit procuratorem dicti Onufrii ad prefatos canonicatum et prebendam nulli alio de jure debitam vel canonice debendam inposterum admiserimus; Non intendentes quod per admissionem hujusmodi juri nostro, quoad collationes prebendarum in ipsa ecclesia, nunc nec inposterum quoquomodo prejudicium generetur, set eatenus nostra admissio valeat quatenus sua provisio debitum debeat sortiri effectum.

Beverley, as appears by the letters executory herewith sent; I have admitted James of Reggio, Onufrius' proctor, to the next vacant prebend. Admit his proctor as canon and brother.

Devotioni vestre mandamus quatenus prefatum O., vel procuratorem suum si quem habet legitimum ejus nomine in forma predicta admittatis in canonicum et in fratrem. Valeatis.

Datis apud Alwenton v Kalendas Julii pontificatus nostri anno sexto.

Visitatio capituli Beverlacensis.

$129\frac{1}{2}$.
30 Jan.
Abp. to Chapter to be personally present at his visitation on the morrow of S. Matthias the Apostle.

f. 83.—Capitulo Beverlacensi, Salutem gratiam et benedictionem.

Quia intendimus per Dei gratiam die Mercurii in crastino Beati Mathie Apostoli proximo futuro vos et ecclesiam vestram in Capitulo vestro ad recreationem animarum vestrarum personaliter intueri, ac visitationis officium apud vos paternis affectibus exercere;

(25 Feb.)

Devotioni vestre mandamus quatinus dicto die omnes et singuli nobis personas vestras ibidem et votivam presentiam filiali promptitudine pretendatis nostra sulubria monita correctiones et injuncta debita et devota reverentia recepturi, ex quibus fructum alicujus etc. ut supra in aliis visitationibus.

Datis apud Broddesworth iij Kalendas Februarii pontificatus nostri anno septimo.

Citatio contra Dominum Aymonem de Quarto.

$129\frac{2}{3}$.
11 Feb.
Abp. to Chapter. As there is specially difficult business to be done at the visitation on 25 Feb. which cannot be done without the Provost, Aymo de Quarto, summon him to be personally present at it.

f. 83.—Johannes permissione, dilectis in Christo filiis, Capitulo nostro Beverlacensi, Salutem gratiam et benedictionem.

Licet alias vobis mandaverimus quod die Mercurii in crastino B. Mathei (*sic*) Apostoli proximo futuro, quia apud vos in vestro capitulo visitationis officium intendimus paternis exercere affectibus, omnes et singuli nobis personas [etc. *mutatis mutandis* as in last extract] recepturi; quia tamen incumbunt aliqua ipsius ecclesie Beverlacensis ardua, que, sine presentia Domini Aymonis de Quarto, canonici vestri, ad utilitatem et honorem ecclesie non poterunt aliqualiter ipso die feliciter prosperari;

Devotioni vestre mandamus quatinus prefatum Aymonem citetis peremptorie quod personaliter dictis die et loco coram nobis compareat, visitationem nostram devote et humiliter admissurus, et super prefatis arduis nobiscum plenius tractaturus. Nos super hujus executione mandati ad diem certificantes predictum per vestras patentes litteras, que harum seriem representent.

Datis apud Thorp juxta Ebor. iij Idus Febr. pont. nostri anno octavo.

Citatio contra Aymonem.

129⅔. 27 Feb. Abp. to Chapter. Sir Aymo, Canon of Beverley, duly summoned, failed to appear at the visitation, or excuse himself, and though one did allege that he had gone to London by the King's leave on business of Sir Otho of Grandison, he gave no proof of it, nor cared to swear to its truth.

f. 83. b.—Capitulo Beverlacensi Salutem.

Cum Dominus Aymo, canonicus Beverlacensis, esset peremptorie citatus quod compareret coram nobis in capitulo ecclesie antedicte die Mercurii proxima post festum Beati Mathei (*sic*) apostoli jam elapsum, visitationem nostram secundum formam mandati nostri vobis directi debita reverentia recepturus, idem tamen canonicus diutius expectatus nullatenus comparere curavit, licet quidam coram nobis comparens proponeret verbotenus prefatum Dominum Aymonem accessisse Londonias de licentia regis pro negotiis Domini Otonis de Grandissono peragendis ibidem, super quo nullam probationem exhibebat nec etiam requisitus jurare curabat, quod veritate sua excusatio nitebatur. Unde quia nos prefatum Dominum Aymonem, exigente justitia, reputavimus contumacem, penam pro contumacia infligendam usque in tempus aliud reservantes, decernentes etiam supradictum Aymonem iterato fore vocandum;

Summon him to answer for his contumacy on the next law-day before Palm Sunday.

Vobis mandamus quatinus peremptorie citetis seu citari faciatis memoratum Aymonem, quod compareat coram nobis vel commissariis nostris, seu commissario nostro, in majori ecclesia Ebor. proximo die juridico ante Dominicam in Ramis Palmarum super compertis in visitatione nostra, et aliis ex nostro officio sibi obiciendis personam suam tangentibus, legitime responsurus, ulterius recepturus, et facturus quod canonicum fuerit atque justum. Bene valeatis.

Datis aqud Beverlacum iij Kalendas Martii pontificatus nostri anno octavo.

Citatio contra Dominum W. de Hamelton.

Capitulo Beverlacensi Salutem. Quia Dominus Willelmus de Hamelton, Precentor in ecclesia Beverlacensi, legitime citatus quod compareret coram nobis die Mercurii proxima post festum Beati Mathie apostoli jam preteritum, in capitulo vestro dicto die nullo modo comparuit, preconizatus tamen et diutius expectatus: ipsum exigente justitia reputavimus contumacem et penam sibi pro contumacia usque in aliud tempus [etc. as in last, the date when he was to appear being] secundo die juridico post Dominicam in Passione Domini.

Summons against W. of Hamilton, Precentor, for the same reason for the second law-day in Passion Week.

Capitulo Beverlacensi pro residentia Canonicorum.

1293.
27 June.

f. 83 b.—Johannes permissione etc. dilectis in Christo filiis capitulo Beverlacensi, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem.

Abp. to Chapter. We hear that you have divided amongst you £12, which ought to have been kept for the yearly distributions in accordance with our ordinance about residence, though Robert of Pickering and Henry of Carlton were absent, and Walter of Gloucester objected.

Fidedignorum, quos a veritatis via nolle declinare credimus, accepimus relata, quod vos summam unam xij^{li}, que in ecclesia vestra ex statuto usque in annum reservari deberet futurum pro distributionibus cotidianis canonicorum juxta nostram ordinationem residentium in eadem, inter vos, Magistris Roberto de Pykering et Henrico de Carleton, concanonicis vestris, absentibus et non vocatis nec consentientibus, certoque fratre vestro, viz. Magistro Waltero de Glovernia, quantum in ipsum fuit, renitente, inprovide dimisistis, periculum quod vobis exinde poterit processu temporis iminere [minime] formidantes;

Replace the money or I shall postpone all other business to come and hold a visitation, though the second one within the same year, and make those who were the cause of it pay my procuration.

Et quia nolumus sub dissimulationis umbra id, conniventibus oculis, preterire, vobis firmiter injungendo mandamus, quatinus prefatam summam xij^{li} faciatis, infra viij dies a tempore receptionis presentium numerandos, integre restitui loco suo; Alioquin ad vos festinanter declinabimus, aliis pretermissis, visitationis officium ex hac causa et aliis, etiam infra annum iteratis vicibus, impensuri ac reformaturi districte, sicut convenit, que viderimus corrigenda, et eos quos huic iterate visitationi tam festine causam, statutum viz. non servando predictum, constiterit procurationem nostram solvere, exigente justitia, compellemus. Quid autem inde feceritis nobis distincte rescribatis infra xv dies post harum receptionem proximos computandos per vestras patentes litteras que harum seriem representent.

Dat. apud Cawode iij Kalendas Julii pontificatus nostri anno viij°.

Capitulo Beverlacensi pro pronunciatione facta Londoniis, per Decanum Ebor. pro Domino Aymone de Quarto.

1293. 14 July. f. 84.—Salutem gratiam et benedictionem.

Quia nuper accepimus et moleste quod quedam pronunciatio seu decretum per Decanum Ebor. facta vel factum London. assistente Magistro H. de Carleton, vestro concanonico et procuratore in istis, in prejudicium ordinationis nostre super residentia vestra facte et communi approbate consensu vergit evidentissime et redundat;

Devotioni vestre sub pena canonica districtius injungendo mandamus, quatinus pronunciationem ipsam vel decretum nullatenus emologando firmetis, nec aliqualem eidem prebeatis consensum, vestre circa hoc deliberationis effectum nobis cum celeritate qua convenit rescribentes, ut si inoportunitas exegerit aliud remedium, in quo tepescere nolumus, adhibeamus celeriter in premissis.

Dat. apud Cawode ij Idus Julii pontificatus viij.

$129\frac{4}{5}$. 12 Feb. f. 85.—Collation of Robert de Notingham, clerk, to the sacristy of the church of Beverley, which had come to the archbishop by reason of the vacancy of the provostship of the same. Burton, 2 Ides of Feb., 10th year of bishopric.

EXTRACTS FROM REGISTER OF ARCHBISHOP CORBRIDGE.

Littera absolutoria Magistri Walteri de Gloucestria suspensi ab ingressu ecclesie per Magistrum H. de Meningthorpe, clerici bone memorie H. quondam Eboracensis Archiepiscopi.

1300. 28 May. Walter of Gloucester having f. 65.—T., permissione, etc., dilecto in Christo filio, Magistro Walteri de Gloucestria, canonico Beverlacensi, Salutem gratiam et benedictionem.

been unlawfully excommunicated by a commissioner in the matter of a papal provision for a benefice for a poor clerk, the Abp. leaves it to his conscience whether he will consider himself excommunicated or not.

Exposita nobis tua petitio continebat, quod cum Magister Hugo de Menigthorpe bone memorie H., predecessoris nostri, clericus executor in negotio provisionis Willelmo de Mar, pauperi clerico, per Sedem Apostolicam nuper facte de competenti beneficio ad collationem seu presentationem Prepositi Beverlacensis spectante, propria auctoritate et absque sufficienti potestate in hac parte procedens, licet in te nullam jurisdictionem habebat, seu habeat ordinariam vel delegatam, te minus juste et juris ordine non servato, ab ingressu ecclesie, ut asseris, suspendebat, quam sententiam, ut injuste latam, reputas esse nullam, nec per ipsam de jure aliqualiter te ligari.

Nos igitur tuam de anime tue salute sollicitudinem approbantes, ac litterarum scientiam et discretionem in spiritualibus ponderantes, te, tue conscientie quoad hoc quantum ad nos attinet, relinquimus per presentes, nisi forte imposterum auctoritate Apostolica contigerit aliud declarari. Vale.

Dat. apud Lanum, viij Idus Junii, anno gratie mccc° et pontificatus nostri primo.

Sequestrum in fructibus et proventibus prepositure Beverlacensis.

1300.
27 July.
Archbishop directs the Chapter to sequestrate the Provostry for reasons not stated out of respect for his beloved son, the Provost.

f. 65b.—Thomas, etc., dilectis in Christo filiis, Capitulo nostro Beverlacensi, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Mandamus vobis firmiter injungentes, quatinus, inspectis presentibus, omnes fructus, proventus et obventiones prepositure Beverlacensis, ministrorum ecclesie alimentis deductis, ex certis causis, quas, consideratione et optentu dilecti filii, Prepositi ejusdem loci, subticemus, ad presens arctius sequestretis, et sub arto de quo nobis cum requisiti fueritis, vos respondere volumus, faciatis custodiri sequestro, donec aliud a nobis super hoc receperitis in mandatis. Valeatis.

Dat. apud Thorp, v Kalendas Augusti, pontificatus nostri anno primo.

Custodia sequestri in prepositura interpositi Magistris W. de Gloucestria et H. de Carleton commissi.

1300.
5 Aug.

Capitulo Beverlacensi, Salutem.

Quia custodiam sequestri auctoritate nostra nuper in fructibus et proventibus prepositure per vos interpositi, Magistris

The custody of the sequestration given to Mr. Walter of Gloucester and Henry of Carlton.

Waltero de Gloucestria et Henrico de Carlton, concanonicis vestris, ex certa causa duximus committendam, sequestro hujusmodi in suo robore nichilominus duraturo, vobis mandamus quatinus executioni supersedeatis prioris littere vobis misse. De predicto quidem sequestro iidem . . . . cancanonici vestri nobis cum requisiti fuerint respondebunt. Valeatis.

Dat. apud Muncketon, Nonis Augusti, pontificatus primo.

Lecta coram domino juxta . . . . presente Magistro W. de . . . . [Some words are hidden by the binding.]

Alia ad idem.

Magistris W. de Gloucestria et Henrico de Carleton, canonicis Beverlacensibus, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia discreto viro, Domino Emerico de Carto, germano venerabilis viri Domini Aymonis, prepositi Beverlacensis, grave nimis videtur quod Capitulum Beverlacense de fructibus et proventibus prepositure ejusdem, quos nuper ex certa causa sequestrari mandavimus, intromittat, petiit a nobis humiliter quod custodiam sequestri hujusmodi vobis committere dignaremus;

Ipsius itaque precibus inclinati, vobis, de quorum industria confidimus circumspecta, predicti sequestri custodiam committimus, mandantes, quatinus ipsum et alios ministros ejusdem Prepositi fructus et proventus prepositure eidem libere et absque impedimento quolibet per visum et ordinationem vestram colligere et salvo reponere permittatis, ita quod de ipsis extra preposituram nichil penitus carietur, sequestro in ipsis auctoritate nostra . . . . ipsum capitulum interposito in suo robore, deductis stipendiis ministrorum ecclesie, nichilominus duraturo. Valeatis.

Dat. apud Monketon, Nonis Augusti, pontificatus nostri primo.

Littera Patricio de Braferton pro x^{li}. in quibus tenetur Magistro H. de Meningthorpe liberandis.

1300. 15 Aug. Patrick of Braferton directed to pay £10 due to Mr. Hugh of Meningthorpe for the fruits of the prebend of James Cenci for the year 1299.

Suo Patricio de Braferton, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem.

Quia Magistro Hugoni de Meningthorpe pro fructibus prebende Jacobi Cinchii de autumpno anni gratie m^{o}cc^{o} nonagesimi noni in x^{li}. tenearis, illas sibi liberes, quas ex nunc in ipsius manibus duximus sequestrandas. Valeas.

Dat. apud Thorpe, xvij Kalendas Septembris, pontificatus anno primo.

Commissio inter Magistrum H. de Carleton, Canonicum Beverlacensem, et Priorem et Conventum de Watton

1300.
Sept.
Abp. commissions Mr. Robert Ford, canon of York and Southwell and Benedict of Hallam, canon of Southwell, to determine the case between Mr. Walter, of Gloucester, and the Prior of Walton, as to thraves due to his prebend in respect of the demense of Walton, and the Grange of Caldwell.

f. 66.—Thomas, Dei gratia etc. dilectis in Christo filiis, Magistris Roberto de Forda Eboracensis et Suwellensis ac Benedicto de Halum ejusdem Suwellensis ecclesiarum, Canonicis, Salutem gratiam et benedictionem. In causa seu negotio mota seu moto inter dilectum filium, magistrum Henricum de Carleton, Canonicum Beverlacensem, ex parte una, et religiosos viros, Priorem et Conventum de Watton ex altera, super travis de eorum dominico de Watton, et de grangia de Kaldekelde ad prebendam suam Beverlacensem, ut dicitur, spectantibus, vobis conjunctim et divisim cum potestate cohercionis canonice committimus vices nostras. Valeatis.

Dat. apud Patrington vj idus Septembris anno gratie mccc°, et pontificatus primo.

Collatio corrodii Archiepiscopi in Bederna Beverlaci.

1300.
27 Aug.
Grant by Abp. to his valet, Thomas of the chamber, of the Abp.'s corrody in the Bedern.

f. 76.—Thomas, Dei gratia, etc., dilecto in Christo filio, Thome dicto de Camera, valletto nostro, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem.

Ob grata et laboriosa nobis et ecclesie nostre impensa obsequia, volentes te favore prosequi speciali, tibi corrodium quod ad nos in Bederna Beverlaci de jure et consuetudine spectare dinoscitur, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis damus, concedimus et assignamus pro nostro tempore possidendum.

In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum.

Datis apud Burton v^to^ Kalendas Septembris anno gratie m°ccc°, et pontificatus nostri primo.

Inductio Thome, dicti Camerarii, in corrodio Archiepiscopi in Bederna Beverlaci.

1300.
27 Aug.

Mandate to the Provost or his Vicar-General or deputy to induct.

f. 76 b.—T., Dei gratia, etc., dilecto in Christo filio, Preposito Beverlaci, ejusdem vicario generali seu locum tenenti, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem.

Quia corrodium quod ad nos in Bederna Beverlaci de jure et consuetudine spectare dinoscitur, dilecto valletto nostro, Thome de Camera, exhibitori presentium, dedimus et concessimus cum suis juribus et pertentiis universis pro nostro tempore possidendum, Vobis mandamus quatinus sibi vel procuratori seu attornato suo, ejus nomine, de eodem corrodio et ejus pertinentiis omnibus plene et prompte respondeatis de cetero sicut nobis. Valeatis.

Dat. apud Burton (etc. ut supra).

Littera ad visitandum preposituram Beverlacensem.

$130\frac{0}{1}$. 27 Feb. Notice to the Official of the Provost that the Archbishop intends to hold a visitation of the Provostry on Tuesday after 4th Sunday in Lent (12 March) in Burton Church; and directions to summon the Provost and his ministers accordingly.

66 b.—Thomas Dei gratia etc. dilecto in Christo filio, Officiali Prepositi Beverlacensis, Salutem etc.

Quia in processu diocesane visitationis nostre intendimus per Dei gratiam preposituram Beverlacensem die Martis proxima post Dominicam, qua cantatur "Letare Jerusalem," in parochiali ecclesia de North Burton personaliter visitare, et ea que ad recreationem animarum pertinent paternis affectibus excercere.

Devotioni vestre tenore presentium injungimus et mandamus, quatenus citetis peremptorie Prepositum Beverlacensem, seu in spiritualibus vices suas gerentem, quod ipse cum ministris suis, tam in Bederna quam alibi, eisdem die et loco promptitudine filiali intersit, nostra salubria monita, correctiones et injuncta debita et devota reverentia recepturus.

Citetis etiam peremptorie omnes rectores vicarios et presbiteros parochialium ecclesiarum et capellarum, ac ceteros in eisdem ecclesiis et capellis quibuslibet ministrantes, necnon de singulis parochiis prepositure ejusdem tres parochianos fidedignos, quod dictis die et loco tempestive coram nobis compareant, hujusmodi visitationem nostram devote et humiliter admissuri, exhortationes etiam examinationes et correctiones debitas canonice subituri;

Nos super hujus executione mandati citra predictum diem Martis certificantes fideliter et distincte per vestras putentes litteras harum [seriem] continentes, et provideatis quod distincte et aperte coram nobis ad diem exhibeatis nomina citatorum. Valeatis.

Dat. apud Burton iij. kalendas Martii pontificatus nostri anno secundo.

Littera ad visitandum capitulum Beverlacense.

$130\frac{0}{1}$. 15 Mar.

f. 66 b.—Thomas, Dei gratia etc., dilectis in Christo filiis, Capitulo nostro Beverlacensi, Salutem etc.

Quia intendimus per Dei gratiam proximo die Lune, post Dominicam, qua cantatur "Quasimodo geniti," vos in capitulo vestro Beverlacensi ad recreationem animarum vestrarum personaliter intueri ac visitationis officium apud vos et ecclesiam vestram paternis affectibus excercere, vobis tenore presentium injungimus et mandamus quatinus omnes et singuli dicto die nobis personas vestras ibidem et votivam presentiam filiali promptitudine pretendatis, nostra salubria monita, correctiones et injuncta devota et debita reverentia recepturi, ex quibus fructus proveniat placidus qui vobis proficiat ad salutem. Ad quem diem nunc absentes confratres convocare curetis, nos super hoc certificantes ad diem per vestras patentes litteras que harum seriem representent. Valeatis.

Like notice of visitation to the Chapter on the First Sunday after Easter, 9 April.

Dat. apud Burton Idibus Martii pontificatus nostri anno secundo.

Commissio inter Robertum de Besewike de Beverlaco et alios in commissione contentos.

1301. 11 April.

Archbishop commissions Chancellor of the church and (Rural) Dean of Beverley to hear the case in which he is Papal delegate between Walter of Besewyke and Robert Jacoby of the More, and others.

f. 67.—Thomas, Dei gratia, etc., judex unicus inter partes infrascriptas a Sede apostolica delegatus, dilectis in Christo filiis, Cancellario ecclesie nostre et Decano nostro Beverlacensi, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. De vestra industria plenius confidentes, vobis secundum vim, formam et effectum mandati Apostolici nobis directi, ad cognoscendum procedendum et alia que hujusmodi mandatum Apostolicum requirerit faciendum, in causa quo verti speratur inter Walterum, dictum de Besewyke, de Beverlaco, laicum, nostre diocesis, ex parte una, et Robertum Jacobi del More, Johannem del More, Johannem de Hake, Robertum Fraunceyse de Lymde, Gregorium Bati de eadem, Willelmum dictum Sutorem, Jacobum Galfridi de Middelton et Johannem de Staueley, clericos, dicte diocesis, ex altera, conjunctim et divisim, cum potestate cohercionis canonice, committimus vices nostras. Valeatis.

Dat. apud Burton juxta Beverlacum iij Id. Aprilis, anno gratie m^{o}ccc^{o} primo et pontificatus nostri secundo.

Acquietantia quinque marcarum, nomine capituli receptarum, ratione procurationis Domini.

1301. 11 April.

Memorandum quod iij Id. Aprilis, anno gratie m^{o}ccc^{o} primo emanavit quedam littera acquietantie apud Burton

Receipt to Chapter for 5 marks, the Abps'. visitation fee.

facta capitulo Beverlacensi de quinque marcis receptis ab eodem ratione procurationis domini pro visitatione domini facta ibidem.

Inductio in prebenda(m) que fuit Domini Caroli in ecclesia Beverlacensi,

1301. April. The Chapter of Beverley directed to induct William of Soothill into the prebend with stall in choir and place in chapter which was Charles Beaumont's.

f. 67.—Thomas Dei gratia, etc. dilectis in Christo filiis, Capitulo nostro Beverlacensi, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia prebendam que fuit Domini Caroli de Bello monte in nostra Beverlacensi ecclesia vacantem, dilecto in Christo filio, Domino Willelmo de Sothille, clerico nostro, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis, intuitu contulimus caritatis, vobis mandamus quatinus ipsum in fratrem et concanonicum admittentes, sibi vel procuratori suo ejus nomine stallum in choro et locum in capitulo ratione prebende hujusmodi debite assignetis, in persona ejusdem modo consueto quod vestrum est ulterius exequentes. Valeatis.

Dat. apud Cawode x° Kal. Maii anno gratie m°ccc° primo, et pontificatus nostri secundo.

Collatio prebende que fuit Domini Caroli in ecclesia Beverlacensi

1301. 13 April. Collation by Abp. of William of Soothill to the late Charles Beaumont's prebend in Beverley Church.

Memorandum quod Idibus Aprilis, anno gratie m°ccc° primo, apud Louthorpe, Dominus contulit Domino Willelmo de Sothille prebendam que fuit Domini Caroli de Bello monte in ecclesia Beverlacensi, vacantem, cum omnibus suis juribus et pertinentiis etc.

Collatio vicarii prebende Domini in ecclesia Beverlacensi.

Undated. The Chapter directed to instal John of Rolleston in the Archbishop's vicarage in the Minster lately held by Robert of Kirketon deceased.

f. 67 b.—Thomas, Dei gratia, etc., dilectis in Christo filiis, Capitulo nostro Beverlacensi, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem.

Quia Johanni de Rolleston, clerico, inter vos diutius conversato, cui super vite honestate et moribus laudabile testimonium perhibitur, vicariam nostram in nostra Beverlacensi ecclesia per mortem Domini Roberti de Kirketon, nuper nostri vicarii in eadem, vacantem, cui, ut accepimus, cura non i(m)minet animarum, contulimus, et ipsum vicarium nostrum deputavimus loco sui, vobis mandamus quatinus ipsum ad vicariam hujusmodi admittentes circa personam ipsius ulterius exequamini quod est vestrum. Proviso quod idem Johannes se faciat statutis a jure temporibus ad ordines quos hujusmodi vicaria requirit in proximo promoveri, et interim per sacerdotem utilem et honestum onus eidem incumbeus in omnibus debite supportari. Valeatis.

Commissio Willelmi, quondam Eboracensis Archiepiscopi, ad providendum sibi de uno vicario, loco vacarii sui mortui, in prebenda sua Beverlacensi.*

1301.
2 Sept.
Commission by William, Abp. of York, to his official, Mr. John of Craucumbe, to provide an Archbishop's vicar in the minster.

67 b.—Willelmus, permissione divina Eboracensis Archiepiscopus, Anglie Primas, dilecto in Christo filio, Magistro Johanni de Craucumbe, Officiali nostro, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. De vestra fideli industria confidentes ad providendum nobis de vicario ydoneo in ecclesia Beverlacensi, qui in locum vicarii nostri inibi inducatur, vobis tribuimus potestatem testimonio presentium, quas sigilli nostri munimine fecimus roborari.

Dat. apud Lanum iiij^{to} Nonis Septembris, anno pontificatus nostri quarto.

Decretum in visitatione Capituli Beverlacensis.

1302.
5 June.

f. 69.—Dilectis in Christo filiis, Capitulo nostro Beverlacensi, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem.

Decree on results of Abp's. visitation of Chapter.

Dudum apud vos die Lune proximo post Dominicam qua cantatur "Quasimodo geniti," anno gratie m^{o}ccc^{o} primo, visitationis officium, sicut ex pastoralis cure debito nobis incubuit, exercentes, quedam ibidem comperta preter personalia que tunc correximus, ut subsequitur, duximus corrigenda.

1. Two antiphons, psalters and graduals to be provided. The books with music to be examined by the Precentor to see that they are not discordant.

Statuentes in primis quod provideatur ecclesie de duobus antiphonariis, duobus psalteriis, et duobus gradalibus, que deficiunt in eadem. Et quod omnes libri notati bene examinentur per Precentorem, vel ejus loci tenentem, nisi sibi invicem contrarientur vel discordent in nota. De choro etiam et cantoribus taliter disponatur, quod non claudicat in psallendo, una parte ejusdem respectu alterius nimium prevalente, set juxta discretionem vestram equaliter potius dividatur.

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* This appears to be inserted here as a precedent.

2. The canons to go to chapter and do their business in better time so that high mass may not be made too late. One canon at least to be resident to hold the chapter.

Item canonici pro pertractandis ecclesie negotiis tempestivius solito ingrediantur capitulum et se expediant de eisdem, ne magna missa ultra horam debitam amodo proteletur. Et quia nullo quandoque canonico residente negotia capituli et ecclesie nimis provide multotociens agitantur, volumus et mandamus quatinus diligenti deliberatione prehibita, sic per statuta vestra specialia de unius cujusque vestrum facienda residentia disponatis, quod omni tempore anni sit saltem unus canonicus ad minus residens, qui capitulum celebret, ipsiusque negotia consulte dirigat et pertractet. Et si contingat ipsum, dum presit capitulo, aliquid ordinare, illud succedenti sibi alii canonico residenti non liceat revocare, nisi errorem contineat manifestum, et tum, facta propter hoc speciali convocatione confratrum, per commune consilium capituli decidatur, et postmodum prout justum fuerit rationabiliter emendetur. Quod si forsan ex causa inevitabili et legitima, licentia a nobis optenta ad tempus nullum contigerit canonicum residere, fiat convocatio hujusmodi per aliquem circumspectum juratum qui negotia capituli noverit prudenter dirigere, per vos ad hoc specialiter deputatum, quousque canonici ad faciendum residentiam revertantur, vel aliquis eorundem.

If no canon resident, a convocation of canons to be called by somebody specially deputed to do the chapter business.

3. Only fit persons to be appointed ministers of the chapter, and they to pay the wages of the clerks serving the stalls promptly. Each vicar to receive 2d. out of every oblation from the altar he serves, and 1d. from every oblation when he serves at the high altar as has been the custom. On certain usual feast days mass is to be celebrated at the altar of S.Thomas the Martyr.

Preterea volumus quod non nisi apti, necessarii et qui sufficiant in ecclesia recipiantur ministri, et quod clerici[s] stallis deservientibus de suis stipendiis cum promptitudine satisfaciat debita, prout fieri consuevit. Si quis vero statutis terminis eisdem clericis sua stipendia solvere tardaverit, omni die quo a solutione cessaverit, ad duplum salarii communis et soliti quousque satisficerit teneatur. Percipiant autem vicarii singuli sine calumqnia in futurum de qualibet oblatione facta in altaribus quibus deserviunt duos denarios, et de qualibet oblatione facta quando celebrant in magno altari unum denarium, sicut vobis consentientibus vel saltem conniventibus, est hactenus, ut dicitur, usitatum. In capella Sancti Thome Martiris certis diebus feriatis missa per unum de vicariis celebretur, sicut fieri consuevit, nec amodo propter scandalum sine magna causa et rationabili subtrahatur.

4. The vicars not to demand a candle from the Sacrist at matins or vespers unless necessary, and then to give the ends back, and not carry them off as has lately been the dishonest custom. The Precentor not to interfere

Item unam candelam ad matutinas et alias ad vesperas, nisi quando necesse fuerit, vicarii non exigant aut recipiant a Sacrista. Et si receperint, cum sit opus, quicquid superfuerit sibi vel ejus locum tenenti restituant, nec illud secuum inhoneste auferant, ut solebant. De cujus clericis, cum eos ad obsequium suum in ecclesiam introduxerit, Precentor vel ejus locum tenens examinando, increpando, vel corrigendo, quantum ad ea que officium Sacriste contingunt, se nullatenus intromittat, nisi de illis dumtaxat clericis qui in ecclesia legere debeant et cantare. Nec figantur amodo per Magistrum trabis oblati cerei, ut ardeant super eam in prejudicium et contra jus et statum Sacriste, nisi hoc sine inductione seu excitatione qualibet ex mera voluntate et devotione processerit offerentis.

with the Sacrist's clerks, but only with those who read or sing in church. Nor is the Master of the Beam to let wax candles offered burn there unless the offerer so wishes.

Item moneantur per vos legitime omnes clerici de Berefel, quod infra mensem a die monitionis facte eisdem, residentiam ad quam tenentur, in ecclesia faciant personalem, et sua dicant psalteria juxta consuetudinem et ordinationem antiquam, alioquin amoveri eosdem et alios loco eorum substitui faciemus.

5. All clerks of the Berfell to reside as they were bound, or they will be removed.

Nullus canonicus, vicarius, seu minister ecclesie, de negotiationibus aut contractibus, de quibus scandalum oriri poterit se amodo aliquatenus intromittat sub pena canonica quam si contravenerit, poterit formidare.

6. No canon, vicar, or minister to be engaged in any business which may cause scandal.

Item volumus et mandamus quod provideatis vobis de sufficienti et ydoneo, citius quo poteritis, Auditore quem vos habere nolumus decetero, sicut nec decet, nec etiam expedit, conjugatum.

7. A proper auditor to be appointed, not a married man.

Ad hec super petitione nobis porrecta, tam de mitiganda residentia Precentoris, Cancellarii et Sacriste, quam de corrodiis non residentium canonicorum, et de oblationibus, obventionibus ac concessionibus, que et quas canonici residentes percipiunt, de quibus nil contribuunt ceteris personis, ex ordinatione bone memorie Johannis, Eboracensis Archiepiscopi, predecessoris nostri, ad continue residendum artatis, que sicut oneris ita emolumenti se supplicant fieri participes, et super ordinatione hujusmodi, quam vel transcriptum ipsius infra mensem a receptione presentium nobis sub sigillo vestro mitti precipimus.

8. On the question of the residence and share of the Precentor, Chancellor, and Sacrist in oblations, let the Ordinance of Romanus, or a copy of it be produced.

Necnon super hiis que Prepositum et suos ministros ac Bedernam contingunt, deliberare volumus magis plene, et ex tunc, equitate servata, ulterius facere quod incumbit.

9. The question of the Provost and the ministers of the Bedern is reserved.

Hec nostra statuta salubria, correctiones et injuncta, plene et distincte, singulis mensibus, semel ad minus, in capitulo post lectum Martilogium, ut, dum singulorum imprimuntur cordibus, fructus inde proveniat placidus, in virtute obedientie perlegi et observari per omnia faciatis, quousque ad

These statutes to be read in chapter after the Martylogy once a month at least.

vos nos contingat alias declinare, et tunc cognito plenius statu ecclesie, possimus, si opus fuerit, aliqua addere vel mutare. Scituri quod transgressores, si qui fuerint, in premissis, relinquere nolumus secundum sua demerita canonici impunitos. Valeatis.

Dat. apud Scroby Nonis Junii anno gratia m^{o}ccc^o secundo et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Sententia contra infringentes libertatem Domini Beverlacensem.

130$\frac{3}{4}$. 8 Jan. **Sentence of excommunication against all infringing the liberty of Beverley to be enforced.**

f. 73.—Thomas, Dei gratia, etc., dilectis in Christo filiis, Capitulo nostro Beverlacensi, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem.

Meminini mus nos dudum in Beverlacensi ecclesia, presentibus multis ex vobis, astanteque tam cleri quam populi multitudine, omnes illos qui malitiose, clam vel palam, libertatem nostram Beverlacensem, sive infra villam ipsam sive extra, in villis, vivariis sive parcis, vel locis aliis quibuscumque, spectantibus ad libertatem eandem violaverint seu infregerint, eorumque auctores et fautores quoscumque, accensis candelis et extinctis, canonica monitione premissa, pupplice et solempniter excommunicasse in genere, et excommunicatos etiam nunciasse, quamquam omnes tales ipso facto sint majoris excommunicationis sententia in anno promulgata pluries dampnabiliter involuti. Quam sententiam et pupplicationem ejusdem tam in dicta Beverlacensi ecclesia diebus Dominicis solempnibus et festivis de verbo ad verbum ut supra proximo——* [quam in pleno loci mercato diebus ejusdem in forma prescripta, quam vobis observandam nuper dedimus, pupplice et solempniter modo consueto et debito recitetis efficaciter et solempniter pupplicetis. Inquirentes de nominibus eorundem, de quibus cum legitime constiterit vobis citra mediam quadragesimam constare faciatis fideliter per vestras litteras, harum seriem continentes. Nec cessetis a denunciatione hujusmodi, donec aliud super hoc a nobis receperitis in mandatis. Valeatis.

Dat. apud Cawode vj Idus Januarii pontificatus nostri anno quarto.]

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* The remainder taken from "Sententia contra infrigentes libertatem domini Rypon."

Absolutio Magistri Henrici de Carleton, Canonici Beverlacensis, et dispensatio ejusdem super irregularitate contracta pro contributione facta Domino Regi.

130¾.
11 March.
Abp. to Canon Henry of Carlton, sending letters of Friar Gentilis, Cardinal of S. Martin in Montibus.

f. 73 b.—Thomas, Dei gratia, etc., dilecto in Christo filio, Magistro Henrico de Carleton, Canonico Beverlacensi, nostre diocesis, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem.

Litteras venerabilis patris, fratris Gentilis, miseratione divina tituli Sancti Martini in montibus, Presbiteri Cardinalis, pro te nobis directas recepimus, tenorem qui sequitur continentes.

The Cardinal to the Abp., Henry of Carlton, fearing loss of his temporal goods, paid a tallage to the king in spite of the new Papal law, and thereby incurred excommunication, and had asked absolution.

Venerabili in Cristo patri . . . Dei gratia Archiepiscopo Eboracensi, vel . . . ejus vicario in spiritualibus, frater Gentilis, miseratione divina tituli Sancti Martini in Montibus Presbiter Cardinalis, Salutem in Domino. Ex parte Henrici de Carleton, canonici ecclesie Beverlacensis, vestre diocesis, nobis oblata petitio continebat, quod ipse olim, timore amissionis bonorum temporalium, contra inhibitionem Apostolice Sedis, et nove constitutionis tenorem, ministris seu collectoribus illustris viri . . . Regis Anglie, talliam seu collectam persolvit, propter quod sententiam excommunicationis incurrit, in tales generaliter promulgatam, et sic ligatus, non tamen in contemptum clavium, in suis ordinibus ministravit, et alias se ingessit divinis. Super quibus supplicari fecit humiliter, sibi de absolutionis beneficio et dispensationis gratia per Sedem Apostolicam salutari remedio subveniri.

As Papal Penitentiary we commit the business to you.

Nos igitur auctoritate Domini Pape, cujus penitentiarie curam gerimus, circumspectioni vestre committimus, quatinus, si est ita, ipsum a dicta excommunicationis sententia juxta formam ecclesie absolvatis, eoque ad tempus, prout expedire videritis, a suorum ordinum executione suspenso, demum suffragantibus ei meritis, alioque canonico non obstante super irregularitate ex premissis contracta, eo misericorditer cum auctoritate dispensetis predicta; proviso attente quod super hoc mandatis Domini Pape et Romane ecclesie semper parebit, et faciet illam penitentiam quam sibi duxerit injungendam.

Datis Lateran' iij Kalendas Decembris, pontificatus Domini Benedicti, Pape undecimi, anno primo.

29 Nov., 1303.
Therefore we have absolved him.

Te a dicta excommunicationis sententia juxta formam ecclesie absolvimus, et te ad tempus a tuorum ordinum executione suspenso, tandem suffragantibus tibi meritis, super irregularitate dicto modo contracta tecum misericorditer dispensamus.

In cujus rei testimonium litteras nostras tibi fieri fecimus has patentes. Valeas.

Datis apud Beverlacum ij Idus Martii, anno gratie m°ccc° tertio, et pontificatus nostri quinto.

1303.
6 April.
Abp. to John of Benstead. Hearing that the Provost is about the King and trying to hinder the Abp. in his office by untruths, is writing to the King, and sends a copy of the letter, hoping that his correspondent will suggest to the King not to support the Provost in his error.

Slip between ff. 99 and 100.—Thomas, etc., dilecto in Christi filio Domino Johanni de Benestede, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem.

Audivimus quod prepositus Beverlacensis est prope dominum nostrum Regem, et suggerit ei multa que non continent veritatem, et nos in officii nostri exercitio pro viribus nititur impedire. Et ideo scribimus domino nostro Regi ita breviter sicut possumus veritatem, et mittimus vobis copiam littere, qua inspecta et concepta, rogamus quatinus velitis dirigere latorem presentium, ut possit cito et feliciter expediri. Et vos, si placet, aliqua verba tempore oportuno domino nostro Regi velitis suggerere, quod non manuteneat dictum prepositum in suo errore, quia verba sua nichil vel modicum continent veritatis. Et si vobis videatur quod aliqua clausula in littera nostra sit tacenda, illam omittere poteritis quousque tempus inveneritis oportunum.

As to the directions given by W. de Hamilton has made the best answer he could.

Ceterum ad illud quod nobis mandastis per Dominum W. de Hamelton respondimus illud quod pro vobis et nobis melius et securius scivimus cogitare. Super hiis et aliis nobis si placet vestra beneplacita rescribatis. Valeatis.

Dat. apud Wilton viij Idus Aprilis, pontificatus nostri anno quinto.

Same day.
Abp. to Adam of Blyth. Assist John the bearer.

Same slip.—Thomas, Dei gratia, etc., dilecto sibi in Christo Domino Ade de Blyda, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Rogamus quatinus Johannem, latorem presentium, in nostris agendis velitis juvare sicut vestri gratia alias solebatis nobis vestra beneplacita rescribentes. Valeatis.

Datis apud Wilton, viij Idus Aprilis.

Same day. Abp. to Friar Walter no longer the King's confessor but Cardinal of the most holy Roman Court.
To same effect as two last.

Reverendo parti, fratri Waltero non jam Regis confessori, set sacrosancte Romane Curie Cardinali, Thomas Eboracensis ecclesie sacerdos, sui ac negotiorum suorum recommendationem cum omni reverentia et honore.

Audivimus quod Prepositus Beverlacensis multa verba seminat in curia domini nostri Regis, que non continent veritatem, et ideo dirigimus unam litteram domino nostro Regi conditiones Prepositure et facti nostri seriem continentem, cujus copiam dedimus latori presentium, vobis, si in curia vos inveneritis, ostendendam.

Qua visa et concepta rogamus quatinus, sicut vobis visum fuerit, latorem presentium dirigatis et juvetis, ut dominus noster concipiat veritatem, nobis vestra beneplacita rescribentes. Valeatis. Dat. apud Wilton, viij Idus Aprilis.

1303. 5 April. Abp. to King Edward I.

Chier sire, paroles volent et auoms nous oy qe le Prouost de Beuerley est venuz a vous, et vous ad fet entendre aucunes condicions de la prouostee autres qe veritables, et aucunes choses ad dit de vous par quay par auenture vous peussez estre esmeu encountre nous, et ceo herrioms moult'. Pur quay il nous semble qe mester est qe nous escriuoms a vostre haustesce la verite et de la prouostee et de nostre fait. Sire, si vous plest, veritablement auoms nous entendu qe la franchise del eglise de Beuerley grauntee fuist a commencement par voz auncestres, nomement par le bon Ray Athelstan, qe dona a Dieu et saint Johan et a ses set prestres la fraunchise, si bele et si noble, cum vous auez bien oy, sicum nous entendoms. Et de cel houre sire lauandit saint Johan ordina leglise de Beuerlay, et fit Chauoynes et ordina la Bederne pur seruir a Chanoynes et a ministres del eglise, et fist Prouost qui serment dait faire a lealment fair le seruice. Et touz les successours saint Johan vnt la prouostee donee, chescun apres autre, si il ne feust en tens de vacacioun.. Et ceo est chose conuz et notoir, et ceo dait bien sauoir le Prouost, qe il entre pa[r] lapostoill' de Rome, et ceo ne eust il pas fait, si la collacioun ne eust estee al Erceuesqe. Et nos predecessours vnt visitee, ausi cum fer deuaint, les Chanoynes, et le Prouost et la prouostee, et nous meismes la auoms visitee paesiblement ia deus feez, et amendes fait. Et pur ceo qe *nous trouames* en nostre darreyn visitacioun *qe le prouost auait donee vne eglise de Patrington a vne persone son cosyn* qe ne fuist mye de age, ne fuist fet prestre dedenz lau, maundames a nostre Official qil faist apeler la persone deuant luy pur sauoir la verite de la bosoigne. Et vint la persone par procuratour et respoundi, et si ad pledee deuant le Official, et declaree est par proces en nostre courte Crestiene, qe leglise ad estee vacaunt *tant de tens vn ans et pluys, Et par cele resoun si est deuolut' e* qe la collacion de cele eglise fu deuolut' a nous et donee par nostre auctorite a vn autre persone, qi est entre paisiblement, et la tent, et tener la dait par drait escrit. Et, chire sire, lauandit Prouost en le proces du play se greueit encountre le Official et demaunda deslayes de nous, et quant qil demaunda nous luy grauntames volunters ausi fauorablement cum il eust estee nostre frer, mes il luy sembleit pur nostre deboneirtee qe il nous deuait surmounter, et nous comenceyt a toller nostre iurisdiccion et dedenz leglise de Beuerlay et dehors. Et purceo qe nous auioms este amys et tout le pluys pur la reuerence de vous le faymes priere qil venist a nous a Cawode par deus fiez, et luy monstrames tout en bele manere et amyablement qil se deust tener cum nostre clerke, et ne mye nos genz depiler ne nostre estat occuper, et fuymes acordez en ceste fourme qe treis persones furent nomez en queles nous et ly acordames, qe deussent le demandes oyr et de vne part et de autre seson fair Verte tergum (*dorso*) et quant il mit al iour assis le Prouost ne voleit pas la fourme tener, pur quay qe dit fuit qe chescun faist son meuz. Et puys me maundait le Proust par mestre Robert de Pickeringe, qe ly pluyt qe la chose praist deslaye jesque a Pasche. Et nous ly respoundymes qe ceo nous pluyt bien quant a la temporaltee, mes kaunt a lespiritualtee pur le saint tens volioms fere amendes de defautes *qe nous auioms trouee* [touchent ses benefices et sa persone], et ly faymes somondre deuant nous. Et quant il auait oy parler de somounse il se moucea, si sen ala, e ne sauioms ou il deuint. Ore dient aucune genz qil est en Escoce. Et sire si vous sceusses cum chiez nous luy tenimes, et quele grace nous ly tendymes, sil vousist auer nostre consail suy a son prou et sanz son damage, et coment il nous despisaist et moult *de mouwes et chpous* (*sic*) *autre si bien countre cum countre nous meneit* vous esmerueillerez sicum nous quidoms. Et cher sire pur ce qe nous tenoms meisme lestat qe auait saint Johan, et qe il tendreit sil feust ore en vie a qi vous auez grant deuocioun, sicum bien le sauoms, prioms vostre hautesce qe vous nous voillez mayntener en nostre estat, et ayder qe nous pussoms nostre office fere sanz desturbaunce le Prouoste a qi nous sumes prest et paraillee a fere tote resoun, sil nous voille entendre. Et si nous dit home qil vey a procures graunt desturbaunce si vous voillez totes ses paroles escuter. Et, sir, pur ceo ke les genz le Prouost’ vnt enuee graunt force deslaies al auant dit eglys pur desturber ceo qe par nous est fete voillez si vous plest, mander a vostre viscount qe il oste la lai force qe par la gent le Prouost est amene al auant dit eglise. E si le Prouost di[t] ke il est apelle a la Curt de Rome, sir si vous plest la tuicion de teus apeles si pertent al eglys de Eueruik’

e de Cantorbir', e ceo est chose conu e notori per my tut Engletere. Nostre seignur vous garde sain e sauf', e vous doigne bone vie e lunge e oue ioy returner. Done a Wylton le quint iour de Averil le an de grace mccc e terce.

Capitulo Beverlacensi ad inhibendum torniamenta et duella in Quadragesima.

1303-4. 29 Feb. Abp.

f. 73.—Thomas, Dei gratia, etc., dilectis in Christo filiis, capitulo nostro Beverlacensi, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ecce nunc tempus acceptabile, ecce nunc dies salutis. In quibus diebus secundum Prophetam sacerdotes et viri ecclesiastici inter templum et altare clamare debent, "Parce, Domine, parce populo tuo," lacrimis et orationibus insistentes, que sunt arma clericorum. Et a sacris canonibus torneamenta, duella et alie nundine, in quibus homicidia et animarum pericula poterunt verisimiliter iminere sunt inhibita et penitus reprobata. Propter quod nos ad sacrorum canonum observationem astricti, animarum periculis precavere volentes, vos omnes et singulos sub pena excommunicationis majoris, quam si mandatum nostrum contempseritis, in singulos vestrum proferimus in hiis scriptis, districte monemus primo, secundo et tertio peremptorie, cum temporis angustia monitionum intervalla minime patiatur, quatinus ad hujusmodi spectacula nullatenus declinetis, nec familiares seu ministros vestros, qui una vobiscum de bonis ecclesiasticis exhibentur, hastiludia vel consimiles ludos illicitos et periculosos maxime in hiis sacris diebus jejunii, quibus est penitentie et devotioni, ut premittitur, magis quam hujusmodi la[s]civiis dampnabiliter insistendum, aliquo modo facere permittatis vel ad hujusmodi congressum temere presumendum per eosdem conventiculam ex edicto aliqualiter proclamari; hoc etiam eisdem vestris ministris monitione canonice inhibentes sub pena predicta ne presumant talia aliqualiter attemptare. Quod si quicquam fuerit attemptatum, id revocent absque mora. Et si talia alicubi fuerint proclamata ad loca hujusmodi non declinent.

2 Cor. iv. 2.

Joel ii. 17.

Quid autem feceritis in premissis, nos infra quatuor dies a die receptionis presentium numerandos, reddatis per vestras litteras que harum tenorem contineant certiores. Valeatis.

Data apud Burton ij kalendis Martii anno gratie mccc° tertio, et pontificatus nostri quinto.

1304.
28 July.
Abp. to Robert of Bitham, Chancellor of Beverley, appointing him to act in the matter of the Papal provision for John Russel, a poor priest, with Canon Henry of Carlton instead of Canon William of Lincoln who is ill.

Slip between ff. 99 & 100.—Thomas, etc., dilecto in Christo filio, Magistro Roberto de Byteham, ecclesie nostre Beverlacensis Cancellario, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem.

Nuper ad cognoscendum, discutiendum, diffiniendum, pronunciandum et exequendum in negotio provisionis facte de Johanne Russel, paupere presbitero, a Sede Apostolica nobis commisso, tam super quibusdam exceptionibus propositis ex parte Prepositi Beverlacensis contra ipsum et provisionem ipsius, in inquisitione ad mandatum nostrum auctoritate predicta per Decanum nostrum Beverlacensem super certis per nos demandatis articulis nuper facta, quam super proponendis exceptionibus in negotio antedicto dilectis filiis Magistris Willelmo de Lincoln et Henrico de Carleton, dicte nostre Beverlacensis ecclesie Canonicis, commisimus vices nostras; Verum quia intelleximus quod dictus Magister Willelmus, corporis sui adversa valetudine, ut dicitur, prepeditus, ad proximum diem Jovis in dicto negotio prefato assignatum non poterit commode interesse.

Vos loco ipsius hac vice dicto Magistro Henrico adjungimus, et vobis una cum eodem ad diem predictum, dumtaxat vices nostras committimus super illis cum cohercionis canonice potestate, commissione nostra priori in suo robore nichilominus duratura. Vale.

Datis apud Lanum, v Kalendas Augusti anno gratie $m^{o}ccc^{mo}$ quarto et pontificatus nostri quinto.

Revocatio negotii moti contra Jacobum, qui se dicit Rectorem ecclesie de Patrington.

130¾.
5 Jan.
Abp. to his official.
Drop proceedings in the articles found against James de Auysio, rector of Patrington, in our recent visitation of the Provostry in regard to the rectory, but summon him before the Abp. himself.

97 d.—Thomas, Dei gratia, etc., dilecto in Christo filio, Officiali nostro Eboracensi, super quibusdam articulis in nostra visitatione, quam dudum in prepositura Beverlacensi exercuimus, contra Jacobum de Auysio, qui se dicit Rectorem ecclesie de Patrington, nostre diocesis, compertis, Commissario per nos specialiter deputato, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem.

Quoniam negotium contra prefatum Jacobum super dictis articulis per vos motum ad nostrum examen ex certa scientia duximus revocandum, Mandamus vobis firmiter injungentes, quatinus processum coram vobis habitum in negotio memorato contra predictum Jacobum cum omnibus ipsum processum contingentibus, sub sigillo vestro inclusum, nobis fideliter transmittatis. Inhibentes vobis ne contra dictum Jacobum ratione articulorum predictorum seu aliorum quorumcunque, quorum discussionem et decisionem nobis specialiter reservamus, ulterius procedatis. Prefigentes dicto Jacobo vel ejus procuratori diem Jovis proximum post instans festum Purificationis Beate Marie Virginis, quod compareat Coram nobis, vel commissariis nostris apud Cawode ad faciendum et recipiendum in negotio predicto quod canonicum fuerit et consonum rationi.

Et qualiter mandatum nostrum hujusmodi fueritis executi, nobis vel dictis Commissariis nostris constare faciatis citra diem predictum per vestras patentes litteras, harum seriem continentes. Valeatis.

Datis apud Cawode Nonis Januarii anno gratie $m^{o}ccc^{o}$ tertio, et pontificatus nostri quarto.

Collatio ecclesie de Patrington Domino Willelmo de Sothill per lapsum temporis.

$130\frac{3}{4}$. 25 Feb. Abp. to Official of Court of York to induct person to be named by Abp. into church of Patrington if it is declared legally vacant.

f. 99.—Officiali Curie Eboracensis venerabilis patris Domini Thome, Dei gratia Eboracensis Archiepiscopi, etc., sub tenore qui sequitur.

Commissarius specialis.

Thomas, Dei gratia Eboracensis Archiepiscopus, etc., dilecto in Christo filio, Officiali nostro Eboracensi, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem.

De vestre circumspectionis industria confidentes ad conferendum ecclesiam de Patrington, nostre diocesis, persone ydonee in eventu si ipsam de jure vacare sententialiter fuerit declaratum, cum ejusdem collatio per notoriam negligentiam patroni ejusdem hac vice ex lapsu temporis ad nos esse dinoscitur canonice devoluta, necnon ad investiendum et in corporalem possessionem ejusdem ecclesie inducendum per vos vel alium (*sic*) personam, cui eam duxeritis conferendam, et inductam censura ecclesiastica qua convenit defendendum, et omnia alia singula faciendum que natura hujusmodi negotii exigit et requirit, Vobis tenore presentium vices nostras committimus cum cohercionis canonice potestate. Valeatis.

Datis apud Burton v^{to} Kalendas Martii, anno gratie $mccc^{o}$ tertio, et pontificatus nostri quarto.

$130\frac{3}{4}$. 14 March.

Dilecto sibi in Christo Domino Willelmo de Sothill, presbitero, Salutem in amplexibus Salvatoris.

Collation of Patrington Church on Sir William of Soothill.

Tue probitatis merita quibus pollere dinosceris et grata obsequia dicto venerabili patri ac ecclesie sue Eboracensi multipliciter et utiliter per te impensa intime ponderantes, ecclesiam de Patrington, Eboracensis diocesis, vacantem, cujus collatio ad dictum dominum nostrum Archiepiscopum auctoritate Lateranensis Concilii ista vice legitime devoluta existit, tibi cum omnibus suis juribus et pertinentiis caritatis intuitu conferimus pleno jure, et te per cyrotecam nostram investimus corporaliter in eadem. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum officii nostri presentibus est appensum.

Datis Eboraci in capella Beate Marie et Sanctorum Angelorum Ebor. in prima pulsatione prime, ij Idus Martii anno gratie millesimo ccc° tertio.

Revocatio commissionis facte Officiali Eboracensi super negotio ecclesie de Patrington post collationem ejusdem ecclesie.

130¾. 14 March. Abp. to official of York to revoke commission to hear the case of James of Auysio, who claims to be rector of Patrington, on the collation of William of Soothill, which the Abp. accepts, and revoke the case before himself.

Thomas, Dei gratia, etc. dilecto in Christo filio, Officiali nostro Eboracensi, Salutem etc. Nuper vobis negotium ex officio motum contra Jacobum de Auysio, possessioni ecclesie de Patrington nostre diocesis, ut dicitur, incumbentem, commisimus audiendum, vosque tanquam noster in hac parte Commissarius specialis, observato juris ordine, contra eum sententialiter pronunciastis dictam ecclesiam de jure vacare, et collationem ejusdem ecclesie per notoriam negligentiam Beverlacensis Prepositi, patroni ejusdem, ex lapsu temporis ad nos esse canonice devolutam, et postmodum vice et auctoritate nostra, vobis specialiter in hac parte commissa, persone ydonee videlicet Domino Willelmo de Sothill, clerico, ecclesiam illam contulistis cum juribus et pertinentiis spectantibus ad eandem.

Nos autem collationem hujusmodi acceptantes, et eam, sicut officio nostro incumbit, exequi intendentes, commissionem sive potestatem vobis in premissis concessam ad nos tenore presentium revocamus. Valeatis.

Datis apud Burton ij Idus Martii anno gratie mccc° tertio, et pontificatus nostri quinto.

Inductio in ecclesiam de Patrington.

130¾. 15 March.

Thomas, Dei gratia, etc., dilecto in Christo filio, Magistro Roberto de Scoureburg', Salutem etc. Cum Officialis Curie

Abp. to Robert of Scorburgh to induct William of Soothill to Patrington.

nostre Eboracensis in negotio ex officio moto contra Jacobum de Avysio, possessioni ecclesie de Patrington, nostre diocesis, ut dicitur, incumbentem, Commissarius ex auctoritate commissionis nostre in hac parte sibi facte procedens, observato juris ordine, sententialiter pronunciaverit ecclesiam predictam de jure vacare, et collationem ejusdem ecclesie per notoriam negligentiam Beverlacensis prepositi, patroni ejusdem, ex lapsu temporis ad nos esse canonice devolutam, ipsumque Jacobum, quatenus de facto dicte ecclesie incumbebat, per sententiam suam amoverit ab eadem, et ecclesiam illam vice et auctoritate nostra sibi commissa persone ydonee, videlicet Domino Willelmo de Sothill, clerico, contulerit cum juribus et pertinentiis spectantibus ad eandem. Cujus negotii executionem jam ad manus nostras duximus revocandam, collationem hujusmodi acceptantes, Tibi committimus et mandamus quatinus dictum Dominum Willelmum in dicte ecclesie cum suis juribus et pertinentiis corporalem possessionem inducas, inductumque defendas, faciens ei de fructibus et proventibus ejusdem ecclesie integre responderi; Contradictores et rebelles per suspensionis et excommunicationis sententias et per omnem censuram ecclesiasticam compescendo. Certificaturus nos de presentis executione mandati et qualiter processeris in hac parte; et si aliquos forsitan excommunicaveris, de nominibus eorundem per tuas litteras harum seriem continentes, cum ex parte dicti Domini Willelmi fueris requisitus. Valeas.

Datis apud Burton Idibus Martii anno gratie mccc° tertio et pontificatus nostri quinto.

Decano Beverlacensi quod defendat Dominum Willelmum de Sothill in possessione pacifica ecclesie de Patrington.

130$\frac{3}{4}$.
17 March.
To the Dean of Beverley to defend William of Soothill's title to Patrington.

Ibid. Thomas, Dei gratia, etc., dilecto in Christo filio, Magistro Willelmo de Jarewell, decano nostro Beverlacensi, Salutem, etc. Cum dilectus clericus noster, Dominus Willelmus de Sothill, in ecclesie de Patrington, nostre diocesis, ad collationem nostram per notoriam negligentiam Beverlacensis Prepositi, patroni ejusdem, juxta statutum Lateranensis Concilii ex lapsu temporis canonice devolute et eidem Domino Willelmo auctoritate nostra collate, possessionem pacificam sit inductus, Discretioni vestre committimus [vices nostras] injungimus firmiter et mandamus, quatinus ad dictam ecclesiam personaliter accedens, ipsum Dominum Willelmum in possessione sua predicta defendas et facias quod dicte ecclesie ac fructuum et proventuum ejusdem possessione pacifica et quieta gaudeat in futurum, contradictores et rebelles per suspensionis et excommunicationis sententias, et per omnem censuram ecclesie vice nostra compescendo. Inquirens diligenter de nominibus eorundem rebellium, de quibus, cum tibi constiteret evidenter, nos certifices de eisdem, et qualiter processeris contra eos, per tuas patentes litteras, harum seriem continentes, cum ex parte dicti Domini Willelmi fueris requisitus. Vale.

Datis apud Burton, xvj Kalendas Aprilis, pontificatus nostri anno quinto.

Servienti de Patrington pro Willelmo de Sothill, et jure suo in ecclesia de Patrington defendendo.

130$\frac{3}{4}$.
14 Feb.
The like to the Serjeant of Patrington.

f. 99 b.—Thomas, Dei gratia, etc., dilecto in Christo filio, Servienti nostro de Patrington Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Mandamus tibi firmiter injungentes, quatinus Domino Willelmo de Sothill, Rectori ecclesie de Patrington, cui nuper ecclesiam eandem contulimus, quatenus sine nostro periculo poteris pro defensione possessionis et juris sui assistas secundum legem et consuetudinem regni Anglie bono modo. Ita quod pro defectu tui, quo ad possessionem suam, non inferatur eidem prejudicium aliquod vel gravamen. Et ad hoc omnes tenentes nostros inducere non omittas. Vale.

Datis apud Burton xvj Kalendas Martii pontificatus nostri anno quinto.

Citatio contra Aymonem de Carto, prepositum Beverlacensem, super pluralitate beneficiorum.

130$\frac{3}{4}$.
2 March.
Abp. to Aymo de Carto, Provost of Beverley to show indulgence or other cause why he holds a plurality of benefices with cure of souls; first within Provostry of Beverley, the Precentorship of

f. 98 d.—T., Dei gratia, etc., dilecto in Christo filio, Aymoni de Carto, Preposito ecclesie nostre Beverlacensis, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Cum a jure canonico sit prohibitum, ne quis plures dignitates, personatus, ecclesias, vel beneficia ecclesiastica, quibus cura iminet animarum, absque dispensatione Sedis Apostolice vel alio jure speciali et sufficiente recipiat aut simul valeat retinere, ac tu precentoriam ecclesie Lugdunensis et in ecclesiis Lausanensi et Beverlacensi

Lyons, and the Provostry of Lausanne and rectory of Dungarvan, Lismore, Ireland.

predicta preposituras, quibus omnibus et singulis est cura animarum annexa, dudum recepisti, et postea retentis eisdem vel earum aliquibus ecclesiam parochialem de Duncarvan, Lisimorensis diocesis, curam habentem consimilem, tanquam rector recepisti, tenuisti, et adhuc tenes unacum beneficiis ecclesiasticis supradictis, fructus et proventus eorum omnium et singulorum percipiendo, et in usus tuos proprios pro tue voluntatis libito convertendo, propter quod urgente conscientia et ex officii nostri debito excitati, tenore presentium, propter periculum quod ex dilatione ampliori im[m]inet animarum, peremptorie te citamus, quod coram nobis vel commissariis nostris seu commissario, pluribus aut uno, in majori ecclesia nostra Eboracensi, die Martis proxima post Dominicam, qua cantatur "Quasimodo geniti," sufficienter et legitime compareas, dispensationes seu aliud jus speciale, auctoritate quorum dicta beneficia ecclesiastica, curam animarum habentia, canonice tenere valeas, exhibiturus, ostensurus, facturus ulterius et recepturus, quod justum fuerit, et canonicis convenerit institutis. Et certifices nos vel dictos commissarios nostros aut commissarium, plures aut unum, ad dictos diem et locum, de die receptionis presentium, et super hiis que facienda duxeris in premissis, per tuas patentes litteras, harum seriem continentes.

Datis apud Burton vj Nonas Martii anno gratie mccc° tertio, et pontificatus nostri quinto.

Next follows the letter to the Dean of Harthill printed in vol. i. pp. 7, 8.

Littera directa Capitulo Beverlacensi ad monendum Prepositum ejusdem, quod se faciat ordinari, ut prebenda sua requirit.*

$130\frac{3}{4}$. 7 March.

f. 73.—Thomas, Dei gratia, etc., dilectis in Christo filiis, Capitulo nostro Beverlacensi, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Cum prebende in ecclesia nostra Beverlacensi sacerdotales existant ex constitutione et ordinatione primaria eorundem, ac Aymo de Carto, vester concanonicus et confrater, qui unam de dictis prebendis sacerdotalibus est in eadem ecclesia assecutus, et prout intelleximus, secundum quod dicta prebenda sua requirit, non dum est in presbiterum ordinatus, Nos ordinationem sive institutionem ipsarum prebendarum laudabilem inviolabiliter observare et effectui debito, sicut officio nostro convenit, mancipare volentes, vobis committimus [vices nostras] injungimus firmiter et mandamus, quatinus in ecclesia predicta dictum Aymonem vice nostra canonice moneatis et efficacitur inducatis, ut infra tempora a sacris canonibus prefixa se faciat, prout predictum beneficium seu prebenda sua requirit, in presbiterum ordinari, sicut penam voluerit canonicam evitare.

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* This letter appears to be the same as that printed from the Chapter Act Book, Vol. I., p. 6, but has several paragraphs more.

Si autem dictus Aymo personaliter inventus non fuerit, tunc hoc monitionis edictum in dicta ecclesia hac instanti die Dominica, dum magna missa cantatur, procuratori suo, si quem ibidem dimiserit, et nichilominus clericis et laicis, ac notis proximis et amicis dicti Aymonis in lingua materna, ita quod eum latere non valeat, pupplice et solempniter exponatis, tam in dicta ecclesia in stallo dicti Aymonis, quam in domibus suis ad dictam prebendam suam spectantibus, in quibus consuevit hactenus commorari, copiam presentium dimittentes.

Nos autem de die monitionis hujusmodi sibi facte, et super omnibus que feceritis in premissis, reddatis absque morosa tarditate, per vestras patentes litteras que harum tenorem contineant, certiores. Valeatis.

Datis apud Burton Nonas Martii anno gratie mccc° tertio, et pontificatus nostri quinto.

Titulus Thome de Grymesby, clerici, ad cantariam ordinatam per Regem in ecclesia Beverlacensi.*

1304.
27 March.
Chapter of Blessed John of Beverley to Abp.

f. 73.—Reverendo in Christo patri, Domino Thome, Dei gratia Eboracensi Archiepiscopo, Anglie Primati, suum humile et devotum Capitulum Beati Johannis Beverlacensis, Salutem, obedientiam, reverentiam et honorem.

Sending Thomas of Grimsby to be ordained deacon on the title of the charity newly founded by King Edward I. in the Minster.

Dilectum nobis in Christo Thomam de Grymesby, clericum, ad ordinem subdiaconatus in instantibus vestris ordinibus celebrandis, vobis presentamus et mittimus, ordinandum ad titulum cantarie quam Dominus Edwardus, Dei gratia Rex Anglie illustris, in nostra ecclesia ordinavit, ad quam ipsum admisimus suo perpetuo possidendam.

Paternitati vestre reverende supplicantes bumiliter et devote, quatinus eundem clericum ad ordinem prelibatum sacrarum vestrarum manuum impositione dignemini promovere.

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* See above, Vol. I., p. 21, for Grimsby's collation to the chantry by the chapter three days after this.

Datis Beverlaci vj Kalendas Aprilis anno gratie m^{o}ccc^{o} quarto.

130¾.
20 March.
Abp. to Deans of East Riding and Beverley Chapter to protect William of Soothill in possession of rectory of Patrington.

Slip between ff. 99 and 100. —Thomas etc. Cum dilectus filius noster Dominus Willelmus de Sothille, rector ecclesie de Patrington, ipsius ecclesie possessionem pacificam nostra auctoritate sit adeptus, ac quidam iniquitatis filii, ut intelleximus, contra ipsum et ecclesie sue predicte jura spiritualia multipliciter machinantes et possessionem suam predictam injuriose subvertere et perturbare temerarie nituntur nichilominus in ipsius Domini Willelmi quam nostre jurisdictionis prejudicium et injuriam manifestam, Vobis firmiter injungendo et districte precipiendo mandamus, quatenus, premissis monitionibus canonicis, omnes illos qui ejus possessionem predictam in ecclesia de Patrington supradicta cum suis juribus et pertinentiis, clam vel palam, directe vel indirecte, facto vel verbo, consilio, auxilio vel favore, violenter aut injuriose, perturbare presumpserint, singulis diebus Dominicis, solempnibus et festivis, vice et auctoritate nostra, publice et solempniter, excommunicationis sententia innodatis. Et quid in premissis feceritis, nos, cum per dictum Dominum Willelmum fueritis requisiti, per vestras patentes litteras, harum seriem continentes, curetis reddere certiores.

Datis apud Burton xiij Kalendas Aprilis, pontificatus nostri anno quinto.

Et memorandum quod ista littera fuit quadrupplicata, et inde fuit una littera directa Decano de Holdernesse, et alia Decano de Dikering, et tertia Decano de Herthille, et quarta Decano de Buccrosse, et una sub eadem forma capitulo Beverlacensi.

Commissio ad recipiendum et examinandum jura et dispensationes Aymonis de Carto, Prepositi Beverlacensis super pluralitate beneficiorum.

1304.
2 April.
Abp. to John of Nassington, official of the Court of York, and Adam of

99 b.—Thomas, Dei gratia, etc., dilectis in Christo filiis, Magistris Johanni de Nassington, officiali nostro Eboracensi, et Ade de Hedon, personatum in nostra Eboracensi ecclesia optinenti, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem.

Hedon, a parson (chantry priest) in York Minster. Commission to examine the rights and dispensations to Aymo de Carto as to plurality and proceed thereon.

De vestre circumspectionis industria confidentes ad recipiendum, audiendum et examinandum jura et dispensationes, que Aymo de Carto, Prepositus ecclesie nostre Beverlacensis, pro se duxerit exhibenda, auctoritate quorum precentoriam ecclesie Lugdunensis et in ecclesiis Lausanensi et Beverlacensi predicta prepposituras, que dignitates vel personatus existunt, vel saltem curam optinent animarum, et nichilominus ecclesiam parochialem de Duncarvan, Lisimorensis diocesis, curam habentem consimilem, quam post dictorum beneficiorum seu dignitatum predictarum adeptionem recepit, simul debeat seu valeat retinere juxta formam citationis peremptorie sibi facte auctoritate nostra legitime super illis. Necnon ad procedendum secundum naturam et qualitatem hujusmodi negotii contra eum, et pronunciandum, statuendum, decernendum, declarandum, diffiniendum et exequendum in premissis et premissorum singulis, juxta canonicas sanctiones, vobis conjunctim et divisim cum cohercionis canonice postestate commisimus vices nostras. Valeatis.

Datis apud Eueley iiij° Nonas Aprilis anno gratia mccc° quarto, et pontificatus nostri quinto.

1304.
3 April.
Abp. to Mr. William of Greenfield, Chancellor of England and canon of York. Aymo de Carto has induced the King to send us a royal letter about the Provostry and wants it sealed with the great seal.

Thomas, Dei gratia, etc., dilecto in Christo filio, amico suo precordialissimo, Magistro Willelmo de Grenefeld, domini nostri illustris Regis Anglie Cancellario, et Canonico ecclesie nostre Eboracensis, Salutem cum benedictione et gratia Jesu Christi. Audivimus jam de novo, quod quedam littera regia nobis dirigenda sub certo tenore pro Aymone de Carto, Preposito Beverlacensi, ad excitationem et suggestionem dicti Aymonis concepta fuit et formata, cujus tenorem dominus noster Rex Anglie illustris vobis remisit litteris suis quas pro dicto Aymone direxit inclusum. Inter cetera per easdem litteras vobis mandans quod litteram predictam sibi faceretis sub magno ipsius Domini Regis sigillo signari, si hoc posset fieri bono modo, et si inventum fuerit quod ante hec tempora littera talis de cancellaria transiverit, et si posset transire de jure et absque injuria cujuscumque. Et quia factum super quo dicta forma concipitur mere nititur gladio spirituali, nec tangit aliqualiter temporalem, nec talis littera uncquam prius per cancellariam transivit, que si ista vice concederetur in maximum cederet nostre et totius ecclesie Dei et precipue Anglicane prejudicium et injuriam ac enervationem ecclesiastice libertatis, Rogamus specialiter amicitiam vestram caram, quatinus ex quo casus iste per dominum nostrum Regem, ut audivimus, discretioni vestre committitur, providere velitis, quod nulla littera de cancellaria exeat, per quam juri nostro et ecclesie nostre Eboracensi, necnon et Cantuariensi, et totius ecclesie Anglicane, possit in aliquo derogari. Nec movere vos debent verba aliorum de curia, quia melius scitis hujusmodi litteras ponderare, et que dampna et injurie ex litteris talibus poterunt prelatis et toti ecclesie provenire. Bene valeatis.

No such writ has ever issued from Chancery, and it would be the ruin of the Church if it did so pray prevent its issue.

Datis apud North Cave iij Nonas Aprilis, pontificatus nostri anno quinto.

Commissio in negotio moto contra Aymonem de Carto, Canonicum et Prebendarium Beverlacensis ecclesie, ad compellendum eum ordinari in presbyterum, prout prebenda sua requirit.

1304.
24 May.
Abp. to Official of York or his Commissary-General.

f. 74.—T., Dei gratia, etc., dilectis in Christo filiis, . . . Officiali nostro Eboracensi, et ejus commissario generali, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem.

Aymo de Carto, canon and prebendary of Beverley, warned when deacon to take priest's orders as the foundation of his prebend requires;

Dudum Aymonem de Carto, Canonicum et Prebendarium ecclesie nostre Beverlacensis, in qua prebende sacerdotales existunt ex institutione primaria earundem, et qui unam de dictis prebendis notorie sacerdotalem tenuit, et adhuc tenet, canonice moneri fecimus semel et pluries, quod ipse, qui, ut dicitur, tempore monitionis hujusmodi diaconus extitit, se faceret, prout predictum beneficium seu prebenda sua requirit, infra tempora a sacris canonibus prefixa, in presbiterum ordinari, sicut penam vellet canonicam evitare.

but has despised the warning. Summon him and proceed to sentence against him.

Et quia, ut intelleximus, idem Aymo, contemptis monitionibus hujusmodi legitime sibi factis, statutis temporibus ordinem hactenus post monitiones sibi factas effluxis, se facere seu procurare non curavit ad sacerdotem promoveri.

Nos volentes, ut tenemur, statuta canonica in hoc casu exequi contra eum, vobis, de quorum circumspectione et industria plenam fiduciam gerimus, conjunctim et divisim ad vocandum dictum Aymonem legitime et procedendum canonice contra eum juxta monitiones predictas et certificatoria earundem, et ad recipiendum probationes ipsius seu excusationes, si quas pro se super ordinibus suis facere, producere seu allegare voluerit, et ad audiendum eum in forma juris, ac etiam statuendum, diffiniendum, pronunciandum, sententiandum et exequendum super eisdem, vices nostras committimus, cum cohercionis canonice potestate.* Proviso quod nobis oportuno tempore rescribatis, quicquid in premissis feceritis, et quoquomodo processeritis et pronunciaveritis super illis. Valeatis.

Datis apud Munketon ix Kalendas Juni ianno gratie mccc° quarto, et pontificatus nostri quinto.

Collatio prebende, que fuit Domini Aymonis de Carto in ecclesia Beverlacensi, facta Magistro Johanni de Nassington.

1304. 3 June. Abp. to John of Nassington. Collation to the prebend lately held by Aymo de Carto.

f. 74.—T., Dei gratia, etc., dilecto in Christo filio, Magistro Johanni de Nassington, presbitero, Salutem.

Meritis tue probitatis, inducimur, ut personam tuam nobis et ecclesie nostre gratam favore benivolo prosequamur, hinc est quod prebendam que nuper fuit Domini Aymonis de Carto in ecclesie nostra Beverlacensi, vacantem, tibi cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis conferimus intuitu caritatis, et te prebenda ipsa tradicione presentium investimus, quas tibi in hujus rei testimonium sigillo nostro fieri fecimus communitas. Valeas.

Datis apud Cawode iij Nonas Junii anno gratie mccc° quarto et pontificatus nostri quinto.

Installacio ejusdem.

Capitulo Beverlacensi, etc. Quia prebendam que fuit Domini Aymonis de Carto in ecclesia nostra Beverlacensi, vacantem, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis dilecto in Christo filio, Magistro Johanni de Nassington, presbitero, contulimus intuitu caritatis.

Devotioni vestre mandamus, quatinus ipsum in fratrem et concanonicum admittentes, ei stallum in choro et locum in capitulo ratione ejusdem prebende debite assignetis, ipsumque in corporalem possessionem prebende hujusmodi inducatis, et defendatis inductum, in persona ejusdem modo consueto quod vestrum est exequentes. Valeatis. Datis ut supra proximo.

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* Sentence of excommunication had already been pronounced on him. See letter dated the day before of the official of the Court of York to the Chapter, Vol. I., pp. 16-7.

Collatio prepositure Beverlacensis facta Magistro Roberto de Alberwyk'.

1304. 3 June. Abp. appoints Mr. Robert of Abberwick to Provostry of Beverley vacant [by deprivation of Aymo de Carto].

Thomas, Dei gratia, etc., dilecto in Christo filio, Magistro Roberto de Alberwyk', presbitero, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem.

Meritis tue probitatis inducimur, ut personam tuam, multiplicibus virtutum donis ornatam, favore benivolo prosequamur, hinc est, quod preposituram Beverlacensem, vacantem, et ad collationem nostram spectantem, tibi de cujus devotione sincera confidimus, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis conferimus intuitu caritatis, et te prepositura ipsa, juribus et pertinentiis ejusdem per nostrum anulum investimus; has nostras patentes litteras sigillo nostro munitas tibi tradentes in testimonium hujus rei.

Datis apud Cawode iij Nonas Junii anno gratie MCCC° quarto, et pontificatus nostri quinto.

Inductio in eadem

Mandate to Chapter to induct him.

Thomas, Dei gratia, etc., dilectis in Christo filiis, capitulo nostro Beverlacensi, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem.

Quia preposituram Beverlacensem vacantem, et ad nostram collationem spectantem, dilecto in Christo filio, Magistro Roberto de Alberwyk', presbitero, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis contulimus intuitu caritatis,

Vobis mandamus, quatinus ipsum, vel procuratorem suum ejus nomine, in corporalem possessionem prepositure predicte, jurium et pertinentiarum ejusdem inducatis, et defendatis inductum, facientes sibi de ipsius prepositure fructibus et proventibus integraliter responderi, et circa personam ipsius, quod vestrum est, more solito ulterius exequentes, contradictores et rebelles per censuram ecclesiasticam canonice compescendo. Valeatis.

Datis apud Cawode iij Nonas Junii ut supra proximo.

1304. 13 Sept. Letters dimissory for Thomas of Grimsby to be ordained on title of the King's chantry in Beverley Minster.

Slip after fo. 74.—Thomas, Dei gratia, etc., dilecto in Christo filio, Thome de Grimesby, ad quandam cantariam perpetuam in nostra Beverlacensi ecclesia admisso, et ad titulum ejusdem cantarie, ad presentationem capituli nostri Beverlacensi, per nos in subdiaconum et diaconum ordinato, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Tue devotionis precibus favorabiliter annuentes, ut ad titulum cantarie predicte a quocumque episcopo regni Anglie, Apostolice Sedis gratiam optinente, tibique manus volente imponere, ad presbiteratus ordinem licite valeas promoveri, non obstante quod in nostra diocesi beneficiatus existis, dum tamen aliud canonicum non obsistat, liberam tibi tenore presentium concedimus facultatem.

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* This was followed by the proxy to take possession issued by John of Nassington. Vol. I. p. 19.

Datis apud Lanum, Idibus Septembris, anno gratie millesimo trecentesimo quarto, et pontificatus nostri quinto.

REGISTER NEVILLE II.*

Mittatur iste processus ligatus et sigillatus.

1381. Register of the Visitation of Beverley Minster by Abp. Alexander Neville begun 27 March in 7th year of his consecration.

Processus sive Registrum reverendissim in Christo patris, Domini Alexandri, permissione divina Eboracensis Archiepiscopi, de anno Domini secundum cursum et computationem Ecclesie Anglicane millesimo ccc^{mo} lxxxj, consecrationis sue anno septimo, in visitatione sua, habitus et accitatus in sua [ecclesia] collegiata Beverlacensi, Eboracensis diocesis, xxvij die mensis Martii initiatus et inchoatus, cum continuatione et prorogatione dierum sequentium.

$138\frac{0}{1}$. 2 March. Notice of Visitation given in Beverley Chapter House.

In Dei nomine Amen. Anno ab incarnatione Domini secundum cursum et computationem ecclesie Anglicane millesimo ccc^{mo} lxxx^{o}, pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri, Domini Urbani, divina providentia Pape sexti, anno tertio, indictione quarta, mensis Mertii (*sic*) die secundo, in domo capitulari ecclesie collegiate Beati Johannis Beverlacensis, discretus vir, Magister Radulphus de Selby, in utroque jure bacallarius, Auditor causarum reverendi patris, Domini Alexandri, Archiepiscopi Eboracensis, de cujus commissione infra patet, quasdam litteras sigilli (*sic*) predicti reverendi patris, Domini Alexandri, Eboracensis Archiepiscopi in cera rubra signatas, ex parte ipsius reverendi patris exhibuit, et ipsius litteras coram quampluribus vicariis et aliis ministris ejusdem ecclesie prefate prefato reverendo patre (*sic*) legi et publicari et alta intelligibili voce exponi per me, notarium et scribam subscriptum, requisivit, et hoc idem michi predictus reverendus pater mandavit, quarum litterarum tenor sequitur et est talis:—

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* The whole of the volume is taken up with the great contest between the Archbishop and the Chapter of Beverley.

Alexander, permissione divina Eboracensis Archiepiscopus, Anglie Primas, Apostolice Sedis Legatus, dilectis filiis, Capitulo ecclesie nostre Beati Johannis Beverlacensis, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia intendimus per Dei gratiam, die Mercurii proximo post festum Annunciationis Beate Marie Virginis, videlicet, xxvij [die] mensis Marcii proxime futuro cum continuatione et prorogatione dierum subsequentinus, quatenus opus fuerit, vos in capitulo vestro Beverlacensis, necnon vicarios et clericos dicte ecclesie ac omnes alios et singulos dicte ecclesie qualitercumque intitulatos seu promotos, et in eadem ministrantes, ad recreationem animarum vestrarum et suarum, personaliter intueri et visitationis officium apud vos et eos, paternis affectibus excercere, vos intitulatos, promotos, necnon vicarios, clericos et ministrantes supradictos tenore presentium peremptorie citamus, quod vos omnes et singuli et ipsi, dicto die coram nobis vel commissariis nostris personas vestras et suas ibidem votivamque presentiam personalem filiali promptitudine personaliter pretendatis, et quilibet vestrum et suorum tempestive pretendat, visitationem nostram nostraque salubria monita, correctiones et injungenda cum debita ac devota reverentia, prout vos et ipsos conjunctim et divisim premissa concernunt, suscepturi, litteras ordinum suorum et vestrorum, ac titulos quos habere pretenditis et pretendit in prebendis et beneficiis, que optinetis et optinent, ac quilibet vestrum et eorum optinet in ecclesia nostra antedicta, ostensuri, ulteriusque facturi que, vobis et ipsis, utinam proficiat, sicut precepimus ad salutem. Ad quos diem et locum confratres vestros nunc absentes necnon omnes et singulos vicarios et clericos promotos et ministrantes hujusmodi ad faciendum omnia et singula premissa, prout vos et ipsos eorum quemlibet contingunt, legitime convocetis. Nos super premissa certificantes ad dictos diem et locum per litteras vestras patentes, que harum seriem et nomina confratrum vicariorum clericorum et ministrorum omnium dicte ecclesie nostre distincte et plenarie representant. Feliciter in Domino valeatis. Scriptum in

For Wednesday after Lady Day.

for the refreshment of their souls.

Canons and every other member of the Chapter cited to appear in person.

manerio nostro Beverlacensi, xxvj die mensis Februarii anno Domini M^{o}ccc^{mo}lxxx, et nostre consecrationis septimo.

Sir Robert of Lowthorpe, being locum tenens of the chapter.

Quas quidem litteras citatorias eodem die secunda mensis Mertii de manu dicti Rudulphi, auditoris prefati, ego, Johannes, notarius infrascriptus, recepi, et in presentia Domini Roberti de Louthorpe, locum tenentis Capituli dicte ecclesie, ut publice dicebatur et pro tali se gessit, et singulorum vicariorum et ministrorum dicte ecclesie ibidem presentium alta et intelligibili voce legi, publicavi et in volgari exposui, ac hujusmodi litteras statim et incontinenti eodem die prefato Domino Roberto locum tenenti Capituli exequendas contra absentes de mandato dicti reverendi patris tradidi et liberavi, presentibus venerabilibus et discretis magistris Ricardo de Conyngston, legum doctore, Officiali curie Eboracensis, Roger Pykeryng, rectore ecclesie parochialis de Holm, Eboracensis diocesis, notario publico, ad premissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis.

Com[m]issio auditoris causarum.

Commission to Mr. Ralph of Selby, LL.B.

Alexander, [etc. ut supra], dilecto filio, Magistro Radulpho de Selby, in utroque jure bacallario, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem.

to act as judicial assessor in the matter.

De vestris conscientie puritate et circumspectione provida plenius confidentes, vos in omnibus causis in audientia nostra seu nostra cancellaria tam ex officio [1 b] quam ad instantiam partis motis seu movendis auditorem nostrum ac officii nostri promotorem, et presertim in visitatione quam in capitulo ecclesie nostre Beverlacensis intendimus favente Domino excercere, tenore presentium preficimus et deputamus vobisque ad cognoscendum, procedendum, statuendum et diffiniendum, exequendum et expediendum, in, de et super premissis et ea concernentibus cum suis incidentibus, emergentibus et connexis, si et quatenus judicialem indaginem seu cause cognitionem requirunt ceteraque omnia et singula facienda, excercenda et expedienda, que in premissis et circa ea necessaria fuerint vel oportuna, vobis committimus vices nostras cum cujuslibet cohercionis canonice potestate. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum fecimus hiis apponi.

Datis in manerio nostro de Cawode xxvj die mensis Februarii, anno Domini millesimo ccc^{mo} octogesimo, et nostre consecrationis septimo.

Institucio et juramentum nuncii sive cursoris.

Die xiiij dicti mensis Martii, apud Beverlacum, anno Domini, pontificatu, indictione predictis, dictus reverendus pater Johannem Stane de Beverlaco, nuncium, cursorem et litterarum suarum portitorem instituit, fecit et ordinavit, et de fideli executione omnium et singulorum committendorum ferre et portare litteratorie et verbo mandata quecumque a curia dicti Domini Archiepiscopi emanenda citare et fideliter referre, ab ipso Johanne corporale mandavit per me, notarium et scribam ipsius reverendi patris, infrascriptum recepi, sacrosanctis tactis evangeliis, sacramentum, et ibidem dictus Johannes in manibus meis, tactis sacrosanctis evangeliis predictum de fideli omnium negotiorum sibi committendorum executione corporale prestitit juramentum, presentibus discretis magistris Ricardo de Conyngston, legum doctore, Officiali curie Eboracensis et Rogero Pykeryng, notario publico, ad premissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis.

Appointment and oath of a messenger or runner for the Abp. during the visitation,

with an oath of fidelity.

Littera patens de metu amovendo.

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presentes littere pervenerint, Alexander [etc. ut supra], Salutem in salutis Auctore.

Letter Patent of Archbishop to prevent allegation of fear of force.

Quia ex debito nostri officii pastoralis quosdam nostros subditos, videlicet, canonicos, vicarios ceterosque ministros ecclesie Beverlacensis qui correctione animarum et reformatione debita eorundem ac cetera que in ipsa ecclesia invenient reformanda, necnon ad subeundum visitationem nostram ad certum diem competentem legitime fecimus evocari; ac volentes casu, quo frivolas aut malitiosas metus aut timoris vellent allegare excusationes, illarum excusationum viam precludere ac meticulosis, si qui sunt, ultra quam tenemur ex paterna consulere pietate.

Palam ac publice protestamur, quod non est, nec fuit, intentionis nostre, voluntatis, nec propositi quovismodo, quod canonici, vicarii vel ministri ecclesie nostre Beverlacensis, seu aliqui eorundem coram nobis pro reformatione debita eorum, que ad nostram ordinariam potestatem pertinent, reformanda citati, in veniendo, stando vel, cum oportunum fuerit, recedendo, in personis eorum vel suorum per se, alium, seu alios

Protestation that he is not going to deal with any of the canons, vicars, or other ministers. in any matter in his cognizance as Ordinary, or to interfere with their free coming and going;

impediantur perturbentur, inquietentur vel male aliqualiter pertractentur, et ut suspicionem contrariam omnimodam depellamus, et securitati illorum omnium et singulorum habundantiori cautela, qua possimus, provideamus, Johanni de Scardeburgh, persone publice infrascripte, nomine eorum omnium et singulorum securitatem hujusmodi in veniendo stando et, cum licuerit, recedendo a nobis stipulanti sub ypoteca omnium bonorum nostrorum promisimus et promittimus, ac ad eandem servandam, quantum in nobis est vel nostris, per presentes nos et nostra firmiter obligamus, adeo quod, nec per nos, nec per aliquos nostrorum servitorum seu subditorum quorumcumque ipsos vel eorum aliquem seu nomine eorum quemcumque in veniendo, stando, et, cum oportunum fuerit, recedendo, impediemus vel perturbabimus vel violentiam aliqualiter faciemus nec fieri procurabimus quasimodo.

and requires his subjects and asks his friends on no account to interfere with them.

Quapropter subditos nostros omnes et singulos ubilibet constitutos requirimus et monemus, ac eis sub pena excommunicationis majoris, quam in contra facientes, canonica monitione premissa, ferimus in hiis scriptis, firmiter precipiendo mandamus, amicos vero nostros et non subditos rogamus attente et hortamur in Domino, ne ipsi seu aliquis eorundem posse, alium seu alios, arte vel ingenio seu quocumque quesito colore contra eosdem canonicos seu ministros dicte ecclesie Beverlacensis, seu eorum aliquem aut servitorum eorundem quicquid attemptent seu attemptet, faciant seu faciat, aliqualiter fieri seu attemptari, quominus canonicis et ministris predictis et eorum servitoribus libera sit facultas a[b]sque difficultate, metu, cruciatu corporis, molestia vel injuria aut perturbatione quacumque ad ecclesiam Beverlacensem libere accedendi et veniendi, et ibidem ad libitum standi, et cum eis placuerit recedendi, a[b]sque eo quod nos vel aliquis servitorum seu subditorum nostrorum eis vel eorum alicui molestiam vel injuriam inferat qualemcumque. Et si metum qualemcumque allegaverint seu allegaverit aliquis eorundem ad conducendum eos et eorum quemlibet in salva custodia, ac reducendum salvos et incolumes per nostros subditos et alios amicos nostros offerimus nos paratos, quod ad vestram et vestrum cujuslibet ac dictorum canonicorum vicariorum ac ministrorum quorumcumque notitiam deducimus per presentes.

Datis apud Beverlacum xvij die mensis Martii anno Domini millesimo ccc^{mo} octogesimo, et nostre consecrationis septimo.

Et publicata fuit presens littera et protestatio in ecclesia Beati Nicholai Beverlacensis in sermone publico ad populum per quendam venerabilem patrem, fratrem Robertum, Dei gratia Donkeldensem Episcopum solempniter proposito, presentibus dicte ecclesie vicariis ac aliis ministris, necnon Johanne Clonne, Adam Acome, et aliis quampluribus, tam viris et mulieribus parochianis in multitudine copiosa, die et loco predictis, et me Johanne notario infrascripto.

Published in S. Nicholas Church, Beverley, in a public sermon by Friar Robert, Bishop of Dunkeld.

Publicacio protestacionis de metu com[m]ovendo et de securitate in ecclesia Beverlacensi.

Item xxv die dicti mensis Martii notificata et publicata erat predicta protestatio in ecclesia Fratrum Predicatorum apud Beverlacum, dicto reverendo patre ibidem in pontificalibus missam celebrante, coram Cancellario, vicariis et aliis ministris dicte ecclesie collegiate, ac populi multitudine copiosa, et me Johanne, notario infrascripto.

Also in church of Friars Preachers of Beverley, the Abp, celebrating Mass in full pontificals, before the Chancellor and others of the Minster.

Publicacio.

Idem dicto die xvij mensis Martii idem reverendus [pater] mandavit Domino Rogero Pykeryng, notario publico, publicare dictam protestationem et securitatem aliquo die solempni in ecclesia Eboracensi. Quam quidem protestationem sive securitatem mandavit idem reverendus pater Magistro Thome de Bucton, in legibus bacallario, publicare in ecclesia* Lincolniensi consimiliter aliquo die solempni coram populo ad omnem vim et effectum ejusdem.

Also ordered to be published in York and Lincoln Cathedrals.

Die xxvj dicti mensis, anno predicto, coram reverendo patre predicto, apud Beverlacum, Eboracensis diocesis, constitutus, Magister Johannes Kele, in camera peramenti ipsius reverendi patris, quasdam scripturas exhibuit, et coram ipso legit et responsum petiit super hiis sibi dari. Qui quidem reverendus pater sibi diem crastinum pro tunc immediate sequentem, videlicet xxvij diem dicti mensis, ad audiendum responsionem suam super premissis in ecclesia Sancti Johannis Beverlacensis statuit et etiam assignavit, ac ipsum

26 March. Mr. John Kell placed some letters before the Archbishop in his Chamber, and was asked to dinner.

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* This was because of Richard of Ravenser ex-provost and a canon, who was Archdeacon of Lincoln and lived there.

Johannem et alios socios suos ad prandendum cum eo illo die benivole invitavit. Qui cum eo pransi fuerunt eodem die. Tenor hujusmodi scripturarum sequitur et est talis.

The letters in question.

Appellacio Capituli ecclesie Beverlacensis.

20 March. S. Paul's Cathedral. Appeal of the Chapter of Beverley through William English, their proctor.

In Dei nomine Amen. Anno ab incarnatione Domini secundum cursum et computationem ecclesie Anglicane millesimo ccc^{mo} octogesimo, indictione quarta, pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris domini nostri, Domini Urbani, divina providentia Pape sexti, anno tertio, mensis Martii die vicesimo, in mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia personaliter constitutus, discretus vir, Willelmus Englisshe, clericus, Eboracensis diocesis, procurator et procuratoris nomine venerabilium virorum, Capituli ecclesie collegiate Sancti Johannis Beverlacensis dicte Eboracensis diocesis, in ecclesia Sancti Pauli Londoniensis constitutus personaliter, quasdam provocationem et appellationem in scriptis redactas legit et interposuit atque Apostolos petiit, protestatus [2 b] fuit et juravit sub hac forma verborum:—

In Dei nomine Amen. Coram vobis discretis viris et autenticis personis, ego, Willelmus Englesshe, clericus, Eboracensis diocesis, procurator et procuratoris nomine venerabilium virorum Capituli ecclesie collegiate Sancti Johannis Beverlacensis, dicte Eboracensis diocesis, propono et dico, quod, licet a prima fundatione dicte ecclesie collegiate, necnon de usu, more, observantia, et antiqua et approbata et hactenus pacifice et in[con]cusse consuetudine prescripta, a x, xx, xxx, xl, l, lx, etc. annis et ultra, necnon a tempore et per tempus cujus contrarii memoria hominum non existit, et citra, observata, dicta ecclesia collegiata fuit et erat fundata de septem Canonicis in numero dumtaxat, ac de novo una alia prebenda dicta octava legitime creata, quam Dominus Nicholaus de Louth, dictus octavus Canonicus ipsius ecclesie optinet in presenti, qui certis mensibus annis singulis residere tenentur in eadem ecclesia, ad quos obventiones et emolumenta quecunque ad dictam ecclesiam provenientia debeant pertinere, et inter eos distribui et dividi, a[b]sque eo quod unquam aliquo tempore erant plures canonici in numero, qui locum in capitulo habuerunt; quodque canonici, vicarii et alii ministri dicte ecclesie ac familiares

By the original foundation, and ancient and approved custom for upwards of 60 years, and from time immemorial,

the church consisted of seven canons and a new prebend afterwards created, called the eighth, now held by Sir Nicholas of Louth, who are bound to reside certain months in the year, who receive the profits and oblations in the church; 2. that the canons, vicars, and other ministers are subject to the jurisdiction of

eorundem a dictis temporibus, et citra, et per ipsa tempora fuerunt, erant et sunt, inmediate subditi et subjecti jurisdictioni Capituli collegiate Beati Johannis Beverlacensis predicte et quod a dictis temporibus et citra, et per ipsa tempora, primaria cognitio quarumcunque causarum civilium et criminalium ad forum ecclesiasticum spectantium, que inter canonicos vicarios et alios ministros, ac eorum familiares aliasque personas jurisdictione dicte ecclesie pro tempore orte fuerunt, ac etiam visitatio, inquisitio, correctio et punitio quorumcumque excessuum, que committebantur pro tempore et committuntur per predictos canonicos, vicarios, presbiteros et alios ministros, et eorum familiares dicte ecclesie collegiate et presertim infra jurisdictionem Capituli predicti; ac omnes et omnimodas jurisdictiones primarias et mediatas dictorum canonicorum, vicariorum, presbiterorum ministrorum et eorum familiarium, aliarum [que] personarum infra jurisdictionem dicti Capituli commorantium et larem foventium; necnon aperitio confirmatio, probatio testamentorum Canonicorum, vicariorum, presbiterorum et aliorum ministrorum dicte ecclesie collegiate Sancti Johannis Beverlacensis, ministrantium in eadem ac familiarium eorundem, aliarumque personarum infra jurisdictionem dicti Capituli inhabitantium, et de bonis eorundem testantium, et in eorum ultima voluntate disponentium, ac etiam bonorum dispositio et administratio eorundem canonicorum, vicariorum, presbiterorum, aliorumque ministrorum ipsius ecclesie collegiate, ac familiarium eorundem aliarumque personarum jurisdictionis dicti Capituli ab intestato decedentium, necnon ad celebrandum et celebrari faciendum divina in oratoriis dictorum canonicorum ipsius ecclesie collegiate Sancti Johannis coram eis et suis familiaribus infra jurisdictionem dicti Capituli scituatis; quodque a dictis temporibus et citra et per ipsa tempora, ad sedendum in certis locis infra jurisdictionem dicti Capituli deputatis ad Auditorem causarum, deputatum per Capitulum dicte ecclesie collegiate ad audiendum et fine debito terminandum causas vertentes inter personas jurisdictionis dicti Capituli;

the chapter of the church;

to whom belongs in the first instance the cognizance of all civil disputes and crimes in which they are concerned, and the visitation and correction of them; and all jurisdiction in the first instance or otherwise, of the same; the opening, confirmation, and probate of their wills,

and administration of the goods of those dying intestate

also the celebration of services in the oratories of the said canons in the collegiate church;

also the sitting at certain places of the judicial assessor appointed by the chapter to hear and determine all causes between them subject to the chapter.

Necnon quod a dictis temporibus et citra et per ipsa tempora ad Capitulum dicte ecclesie collegiate ad habendum unum aparitorem, ministrum seu bedellum, ad portandum coram Capitulo in processionibus factis et faciendis in ecclesia predicta, et maxime in diebus solempnibus, unam virgam seu

Also the right to have an apparitor or bedel to carry a rod or mace, before the Chapter in processions in the church, especially on fast days, and to summon people before the assessor.

baculum, et ad precedendum capitulum in processione, necnon ad citandum personas quascumque ad comparendum coram auditore Capituli predicti super articulis forum conscientie concernentibus, et aliis ad forum dicti capituli et eorum jurisdictionem pertinentibus in hac parte, pertinuisset, pertinere consuevit et pertinet, solum et insolidum ad Capitulum ecclesie collegiate Sancti Johannis Beverlacensis predicte;

The seven canons and the eighth were and are in peaceful, or quasi peaceful possession;

Quodque prefati domini mei, Capitulum ecclesie collegiate predicte a dictis temporibus et citra, et per ipsa tempora fuerunt, et erant et sunt in possessione [pacifica], seu quasi pacifica et quieta. Tenendum et habendum solum numerum septem Canonicorum ab antiquo fundatorum, ac canonicatus et prebende de novo fundate, que octava dicitur; sic quod octo canonici prebendati sint in dicta ecclesia in presenti residentes, et non plures, qui stallum in choro et locum in capitulo seu vocem habuerint, totque in ipsa ecclesia fuerunt et sunt residentes pro tempore, secundum statuta et consuetudines ecclesie antedicte approbata et prescripta dictique octavi canonici redditus, oblationes, obventiones et emolumenta quecumque ad dictam ecclesiam collegiatam Sancti Johannis Beverlacensis pertinentia perceperunt et in possessione percipiendi fuerunt et erant et sunt, solum et insolidum, salva controversia presenti;

and resident according to the statutes;

and the Chapter also

Quodque prefatum Capitulum ecclesie Sancti Johannis Beverlacensis predicte a dictis temporibus et citra et per ipsa tempora fuerunt et erant et sunt in possessione pacifica, seu quasi pacifica, et quieta, ad omnes causas, lites, questiones seu controversias ad forum ecclesiasticum spectantes motas pro tempore, et inter canonicos, vicarios, presbiteros et alios ministros et familiares eorundem dicte ecclesie collegiate, seu que eis ab aliis movebantur et mote erant jure eorum per eorum Auditorem seu commissarium audiendi et in eisdem procedendi et cognoscendi, et easdem per dictos Auditores seu commissarios et eorum sententias diffinitivas decidendi et diffiniendi, ipsasque audiverunt pro tempore, deciderunt et diffinierunt, easdemque audiverunt, deciderunt, decidunt et diffinierunt; necnon [3] ad canonicos, presbiteros et alios ministros dicte ecclesie, ipsorumque familiares ac alios quoscumque incolas, et inhabitantes loca ad Capitulum dicte ecclesie spectantia, et infra eorum jurisdictionem et diocesim Eboracensem scituata visitandi et de eorum excessibus inquirendi, excessusque eorundem, cum casus occurrant, corrigendi, testamentaque canonicorum dictorum, vicariorum, presbiterorum et aliorum ministrorum familiariumque eorundem dicte ecclesie, et aliorum quorumcumque infra jurisdictionem dicti Capituli testantium, et eorum ultimas voluntates coram Capitulo, seu ipsius capituli Auditore, apperiendi insinuandi et probandi, administrationemque bonorum canonicorum, vicariorum, presbiterorum et aliorum ministrorum dicte ecclesie ipsorumque familiarum de bonis eorumdem testantium et in eorum ultima voluntate disponentium, executorum in testamentis dictorum testantium nominatorum, seu aliorum quorumcumque jurisdictionis dicti capituli et infra eam ab intestato pro tempore decedentium, viris fidedignis per Capitulum dicte ecclesie collegiate, seu Auditorem ejusdem, nominandis committendi, ac etiam ab eisdem juramentum de faciendo fidele inventarium et fideliter in bonis hujusmodi administrando, ac compotum fidelem reddendo et recipiendo; ac etiam divina in eorum oratoriis infra jurisdictionem dicti Capituli scituatis, coram se et familiaribus suis et aliis supervenientibus ut premittitur, celebrandi et celebrari faciendi. Auditorem causarum ad audiendum causas ad jurisdictionem dicti Capituli pertinentes, necnon apparitorem seu ministrum dicti Capituli ad comparendum coram Auditore predicto preficiendi; prefatumque Capitulum pro tempore a dictis temporibus et citra et per ipsa tempora fuerunt erant et sunt in possessione pacifica et quieta jurisdictionis predicte et juris exercendi jurisdictionem hujusmodi in premissis capitulis omnibus et singulis.

and the chapter now uses and exercises this jurisdiction with the full knowledge of the Archbishops and Chapter of York, and of the present Archbishop.

Ipsaque jurisdictione dictum Capitulum usum fuit et utebatur suis temporibus et modernis utitur ut prefertur solum et insolidum et jure eorum et Capituli predicti temporibus supradictis, reverendis in Christo patribus dominis Archiepiscopis ac Decano et capitulo ecclesie Eboracensis pro tempore existentibus, necnon reverendo patre, Domino Alexandro, Archiepiscopo Eboracensi moderno, premissa omnia et singula scientibus et scire volentibus, et non contradicentibus seu reclamantibus set permittentibus et approbantibus, tam tacite quam expresse, ac ratum et gratum habentibus usque ad tempus et tempore gravaminum infrascriptorum.

The chapter reasonably fearing grievous prejudice,

Quodque pro parte dicti Capituli ecclesie collegiate predicte, dominorum meorum, metuentium ex quibusdam causis probabilibus et verisimilibus conjecturis grave sibi posse in premissis, et circa ea generari prejudicium infuturum, ne have appealed to the Apostolic seat;

Yet the Archbishop in spite of the appeal, pretending though by no means truly that he has a canonry and prebend in the Minster, by reason of which he may reside and receive profits and daily distributions, though he has a portion, commonly called a corrody, only; and though he has a stall in choir has no place or voice in Chapter.

quis vel qui in ipsius Capituli Sancti Johannis Beverlacensis, dominorum meorum, quicquam circa premissa attemptent, seu faciant vel faciat aliqualiter attemptari, citando, monendo, inquirendo, visitando, interdicendo, suspendendo, excommunicando, sequestrando seu alio modo gravando ante hec tempora extitit ad Sedem Apostolicam provocatio, et provocandi appellatio, tamen predictus reverendus pater Dominus Alexander, Archiepiscopus Eboracensis modernus, post et contra provocationes appellationes hujusmodi pro parte predicti Capituli Beverlacensis ad Sedem supradictam ut premittitur, interpositas, et postquam certam et indubitatam notitiam habuit de eisdem, asserens se, licet minus vere, in ecclesia collegiata Sancti Johannis Beverlacensis predicta canonicatum et prebendam* optinere, occasione cujus licuit sibi et licet, ut asserit, sibi residentiam facere in dicta ecclesia collegiata, et in ea tanquam canonicus residere et emolumenta et distributiones cotidianas percipere, cum idem Dominus Archiepiscopus et predecessores sui pro tempore, a dictis temporibus et citra et per ipsa tempora, solum habuerunt, et archiepiscopus modernus habet, ut dicitur, in dicta ecclesia collegiata unam portionem, sive quoddam corrodium vulgariter nuncupatum, et licet stallum in choro Archiepiscopi pro tempore, ut pretenditur, habuissent, tamen locum in capitulo non habuerunt, neque eorum aliquis habuit, set loco et voce tanquam canonici in domo capitulari dicte ecclesie caruerunt, et eorum quilibet caruit, et caret Archiepiscopus modernus in presenti, et carere debet infuturum, prefatique Archiepiscopi Eboracenses pro tempore non consueverunt ad actus capitulares admitti,† nec admittebatur aliquis tempore suo, iidemque Archiepiscopi pro tempore de residendo in dicta ecclesia tanquam canonici se a dictis temporibus et citra abstinuerunt et eorum quilibet se abstinuit nec in eadem residebant‡ nec emolumenta aliqua tanquam canonici dicte ecclesie vendicabant sicuti nec de jure poterant vendicare, nititur residentiam facere in dicta ecclesia personalem, affectans emolumenta ad dictum Capitulum pertinentia, ex quibus opera et fabrica dicte ecclesie sustentantur,* auferre et tollere et in usus suos convertere.

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* Marginal note by the Archbishop. Nota: quod habet prebendam in ipsa ecclesia sicut patet per producta tua, et illa prebenda habet omnia alia insignia, sicut habent alie prebende canonicales.

† Here the Archbishop has written. Nota: Non petiit se admitti, quod non debet nocere nec prejudicare Archiepiscopo qui wlt (*sic*) uti jure suo. He has not asked to be admitted, but that ought not to prejudice any archbishop who wishes to exercise his right to be admitted.

‡ Archbishop's note: Et male; ideo modernus Archiepiscopus purgabit negligentiam predecessorum suorum.

And the Archbishop asserts jurisdiction over the canons, &c., and probate of their wills, though he has no jurisdiction except by way of appeal, and has cited the executors of the will of Sir Robert of Beverley, late canon, though it was duly proved before the chapter, to appear before him in the Chapter house at too short notice, though personal appearance is not legally required, and is not safe owing to the fierceness of the Archbishop and his men

Idemque Archiepiscopus asserens se habere jurisdictionem in canonicos, vicarios, presbiteros et alios ministros dicte ecclesie et eorum familiares, necnon aperiendi, insinuandi et probandi testamenta canonicorum, vicariorum, presbiterorum et aliorum ministrorum et familiarum dicte ecclesie, ac etiam disponendi de bonis ab intestato decendentium cum nullam jurisdictionem inmediate habuit seu habeat in eisdem, seu alias, nisi fuisset ad ipsum pro tempore appellatum;† canonicos, vicarios et alios ministros dicte ecclesie, necnon executores testamenti bone memorie Domini Roberti de Beverlaco canonici dicte ecclesie pro tempore, cujus insinuatio testamenti pertinuit ad Capitulum predictum, et coram dicto Capitulo seu ejus Auditore probatum fuit, et administratio bonorum dicti defuncti eisdem executoribus in forma juris commissa et per eos admissa, ad comparendum coram eo seu commissariis personaliter in domo capitulari ecclesie predicte ad terminum peremptorium et minus brevem cum de jure non requiratur personalis comparitio in hac parte, nec tutus esset accessus ad presentiam domini Archiepiscopi in hac parte propter ipsius et suorum sevitiam et timorem.

Also he has summoned the canons, &c., for no reasonable cause expressed to an act indeterminate, to which the chapter were not bound to appear.

Super jurisdictione dicti Capituli et singulari jurisdictione canonicorum, ad quos jurisdictio pertinet in prebendis eorundem, citari mandavit et fecit, nulla causa rationabili in litteris citatoriis expressa, et sic ad actum incertum confusum et indeterminatum, ad quem dictum Capitulum ac singulares canonici, vicarii, presbiteri et ministri dicte ecclesie non tenentur comparere, posito quod alia citacio de se esset certa, cum jurisdictio dicti Capituli superius allegata omni notorietate sic notoria et a dictis temporibus et citra et per ipsa tempora legitime sit prescripta et pacifice observata, quod probacione non eget, set constat ‡ notorie domino Archiepiscopo predicto, quod ad eam probandam coram eo Capitulum predictum, domini mei, artari non possunt, qui est adversarius in hac causa et prefatis dominis meis, Capitulo predicto et singulis canonicis ejusdem nimium suspectus in hac parte.

But a second citation ought to be certain when the Chapter's jurisdiction is notorious, and the Chapter ought not to be bound to prove it before the Archbishop, being the adverse party in the case.

Premissa gravamina predicto Capitulo, dominis meis, et

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* Marginal note: Cave, quia falsum narra[tur].

† Marginal note: Habuisti xxvj dies ut supra patet in citatoria.

‡ Marginal note: Nota, Archiepiscopus est tuus ordinarius.

These injuries has Archbishop inflicted on my principals, the Chapter therefore appeals against the summons of the Archbishop.

singulis personis ejusdem intulit idem dominus Archiepiscopus ipsosque multipliciter fatigavit et fatigat in ipsorum Capituli, dominorum meorum, et singulorum canonicorum aliorumque ministrorum dicte ecclesie collegiate Sancti Johannis Beverlacensis predicte prejudicium non modicum et gravamen et scandalum plurimorum. Unde ego Willelmus, procurator predictus, sentiens dominos meos Capitulum ecclesie collegiate predicte et singulares canonicos, vicarios, presbiteros et ministros et me eorum nomine in premissis et eorum quodlibet indebite gravatos a mandato citationis et citatione predictis ac termini comparitionis assignatione et indebita fatigatione, necnon ab omnibus et singulis gravaminibus predictis, et que ex eis colligi possunt et eorum occasione ad sacrosanctam Sedem Apostolicam et dominum nostrum Papam in hiis scriptis appello, et Apostolos peto, primo secundo et tertio, instanter, instantius et instantissime, michi dari fieri; et super appellatione mea predicta subiciens predictos dominos meos Capitulum ecclesie collegiate predicte, necnon singulares canonicos, vicarios presbiteros et alios dicte ecclesie ministros et eorum familiares ejusdem ecclesie quorum interest in hac parte, ac me eorum nomine, et omnes in hac parte eisdem adherentes et adherere volentes, protectioni et defensioni curie antedicte. Et juro * ad hec sancta Dei evangelia per me corporaliter tacta, quod non sunt decem dies elapsi postquam Capitulo ecclesie collegiate predicte dominis meis primo innotuit de gravaminibus predictis et singulis eorundem, et quid ego Willelmus procurator predictus metuens nichillominus ex causis probabilibus et verisimilibus conjecturis indiciis, et comminationibus quampluribus per prefatum dominum Archiepiscopum, suos Officiales, commissarios et ministros, de ipsius auctoritate et mandato in premissis, et circa ea nonnulla alia gravamina per eum comminata prefatis dominis meis Capitulo ecclesie collegiate predicte ac canonicis, vicariis, presbiteris et aliis ministris, et eorum familiaribus ejusdem [ecclesie] posse inferri infuturum, ne predictus dominus Archiepiscopus Officiales, commissarii seu ministri sui, vel alii quicumque, de ipsius auctoritate, commissione seu mandato in prejudicium dictorum dominorum meorum Capituli predicti aut jurisdictionis eorundem aliquos familiares suos infra parochiam Sancti Martini in villa

Placing the canons, &c., and all concerned, under the protection of the Papal Court.

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* Archbishop's comment at side: Tu es perjurus.

Beverlacensi commorantes ad ecclesiatica sacramenta admittere presumant sine licentia Capituli aut canonici et prebendarii prebende Sancti Martini predicte in prejudicium jurisdictionis dicti Capituli prefatique canonici et prebendarii, cum ipsi familiares sint parochiani dicte ecclesie et teneantur ecclesiastica sacramenta recipere in eadem: Item cum prefectio et ammotio Officiariorum ut Camerarii, Auditoris Causarum Capituli, Magistri fabrice ecclesie et aliorum quorumcumque a dictis temporibus et citra et per ipsa tempora ad Capitulum pertinuit, pertinere consuevit et pertinet, fuitque semper Capitulum predictum a dictis temporibus et citra et per ipsa tempora in possessione preficiendi et ammovendi dictos Officiarios pro tempore, prout dicto Capitulo expediens videbatur, ipsosque prefecerunt et ammoverunt et ammovent, Ne idem Archiepiscopus circa premissa, et ne oratoria canonicorum de facto suspendat, cum de jure sibi hoc non liceat, et idem Archiepiscopus excercendo jurisdictionem suam in locis pertinentibus ad jurisdictionem Capituli predicti, et ne compellat predictus Archiepiscopus ministros ecclesie, vel eorum aliquem, prestare sibi obedientiam juratam* cum ad hoc non teneantur, quicquam attemptent seu attemptet, contra dictum Capitulum, canonicos, vicarios, presbiteros et ministros, et eorum familiares seu alios quoscumque de jurisdictione Capituli existentes, occasione premissorum seu alicujus capituli vel articuli eorundem, citando, monendo, suspendendo, interdicendo, visitando, inquirendo, sequestrando, excommunicando seu alio quovismodo procedendo, seu gravando, ad dictam Sedem Apostolicam et dominum nostrum Papam in hiis scriptis iterum provoco et appello et Apostolos iterum peto, primo secundo et tertio, instanter, instantius et instantissime michi dari et fieri super provocatione mea predicta quatenus dandi sint Apostoli in hoc casu.

Protestor etiam ego, procurator predictus, quod liceat michi predictas appellationem et provocationem meas et eorum quamlibet corrigere et emendare eisdemque et earum cuilibet, si opus fuerit, addere et detrahere, ipsasque omnibus et singulis quorum interest notificare et intimare quatenus tutus accessus ad presentiam dicti domini Archiepiscopi patere possit, appellationemque et provocationem meas (4) predictas in eventu prosequi cum effectu pro loco et tempore oportunis.

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* Marginal note: Fatis de manuali. The first word has been altered. ? Faciens de manuali.

Acta sunt hec prout suprascribuntur et recitantur anno, indictione, pontificatu, mense, die et loco predictis, presentibus discretis viris, Dominis Nicholao de Wessburne, rectore ecclesie parochialis de Laufare Magdalene* Londoniensis diocesis, Thoma Dowker, presbitero, et Johanne Ferrom, clerico, Dunolmensis et Cicestrensis diocesium testibus ad premissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis.

Et ego Ricardus de Strensalle, clericus Eboracensis, publicus auctoritate Apostolica notarius, premisse appellationis interpositioni et lecture, Apostolorum petitionis juramenti prestationi et protestationi predictis, necnon omnibus et singulis supradictis dum, sic ut premittitur, per dictum Willelmum procuratorem † supradictum agerentur et fierent anno, indictione, pontificatu, mense et loco predictis una cum prenominatis testibus personaliter presens interfui eaque omnia et singula sic fieri vidi et audivi, et diversis et arduis occupatus negotiis hoc instrumentum per alium scribi feci, publicari et in hanc publicam formam redegi, signoque et nomine meis consuetis signari, rogatus et requisitus per dictum Willelmum procuratorem, in fidem et testimonium omnium et singulorum premissorum.

Appellatio Capituli Ecclesie Beverlacensis.

138$\frac{0}{1}$.
21 March.
S. Martin's, Ludgate.
Appeal of Chapter of Beverley to Pope Urban VI., by William English, clerk, their proctor.

In Dei nomine Amen. Anno ab incarnatione Ejusdem secundum cursum et computationem Ecclesie Anglicane millesimo ccc$^{\text{mo}}$ octogesimo, indictione quarta, pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri, Domini Urbani, divina providentia Pape sexti, anno tertio, mensis Mertii die vicesimo primo, in mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia, discretus vir, Willelmus Englisshe, clericus, Eboracensis diocesis,† procurator et procuratoris nomine venerabilium virorum Capituli ecclesie collegiate Sancti Johannis Beverlacensis, dicte Eboracensis diocesis, in ecclesia parochiali Sancti Mertini in Ludgate Londoniis personaliter constitutus, quamdam appellationem in scriptis redactam legit et interposuit atque Apostolos petiit, protestans (*sic*) fuit et juravit sub hac forma verborum.

In Dei nomine Amen. Coram vobis discretis viris autentica persona et testibus ego, Willelmus Englisshe, procurator venerabilium virorum Capituli ecclesie collegiate Sancti Johannis Beverlacensis, Eboracensis diocesis, nomine procuratoris dicti Capituli dico allego et in hiis scriptis propono, quod licet de consuetudine laudabili ab olim usitata et legitime prescripta, necnon primeva fundatione ecclesie collegiate predicte, ac statutis ordinationibus et constitutionibus legitimis postmodum subsecutis, et per Sedem Apostolicam confirmatis, districtius et diutissime in ipsa ecclesia observatis et juramento vallatis, Capitulum dicte ecclesie collegiate ac canonici quicumque, omnes et singuli, ejusdem ecclesie qui pro tempore fuerunt, suis etiam successivis temporibus ab omni et omnimoda visitatione per alium seu alios, preterquam per dominum Archiepiscopum* Eboracensem qui pro tempore fuerit, et in persona sua propria tantummodo et una vice dumtaxat pro suo tempore in ecclesia predicta, seu Capitulum predictum canonicosve ipsius ecclesie seu singulares personas ejusdem, quomodolibet facienda etiam per indulta dicte Sedis Apostolice, fuit et est exemptum liberum et immune, fueruntque et prorsus sunt exempti liberi pariter et immunes, fuissentque dictum Capitulum et canonici dicte ecclesie collegiate in possessione, seu quasi, hujusmodi exemptionis libertatis et immunitatis, et eis usi sunt inconcusse per xl, l, lx annos ultra et citra, necnon a tempore et per tempus cujus contrarii memoria hominum non existit etiam pacifice et quiete, s[c]ientibus et tollerantibus Archiepiscopis Eboracensibus, qui pro-tempore fuerunt, et Domino Alexandro Archiepiscopo, qui nunc est, pro tempore suo, ac premissa approbantibus et eisdem consentientibus, tam tacite quam expresse usque ad tempus gravaminum subscriptorum; Prefatus tamen reverendissimus pater, Dominus Alexander, Archiepiscopus Eboracensis modernus, Anglie Primas et Apostolice Sedis Legatus, premissas exemptionem libertatem et immunitatem nimis voluntarie ipsius patris reverentia semper salva, infringere satagens et innitens prefatum Capitulum ac canonicos et prebendarios quoscumque ecclesie supradicte per suas litteras, salva semper reverentia tanti patris, injuriosas, ad recipiendum et subeundum personalem visitationem suam ordinariam pretensam in dicta ecclesia collegiata per ipsum patrem vel suos commissarios incertam et penitus

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* Laver Magdalen in Essex.

† Marginal note: Doce de mandato.

By ancient custom and prescription, and the primitive foundation of the church, and subsequent statutes confirmed by the Apostolic See, the Chapter and canons were free from all visitation, except by the Archbishop of York, and that only once during his time in the said church, and that in his own person; and this custom has been continually used and observed with the knowledge and allowance of the Archbishops and the present Archbishop, yet now Lord Alexander, the present Archbishop, wantonly, saving his reverence, endeavouring to break this liberty by injurious, saving always his reverence, letters, seeks to hold an undefined visitation as ordinary by his commissioners to the gross damage of the chapter and canons, my principals.

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* Marginal note: Tu es contrarius, in appellatione predicta dicis quod Archiepiscopus non visitabit etc.

indeterminatam perficiendam ad terminum nimis brevem et peremptorium,* nulla rationabili causa in hac parte expressa vel aliqualiter subsistenti, citavit, citarive mandavit et fecit injuste in prefati Capituli et canonicorum dicte ecclesie collegiate, dominorum meorum, predictorum, prejudicium dampnum non modicum et gravamen.

Unde ego procurator predictus sentiens dominos meos predictos Capitulum supradictum et canonicos, ac me ipsorum nomine ex predictis gravaminibus et eorum quolibet indebite pregravari, propter ipsa gravamina et ab eis et que ex eis colligi poterunt, (4b) et eorum occasione, ad Sacrosanctam Sedem Apostolicam et dominum nostrum Papam in hiis scriptis, nomine dominorum meorum, prefati videlicet Capituli et canonicorum, et etiam nominibus omnium et singulorum dicte ecclesie collegiate vicariorum,† presbiterorum et ceterorum ministrorum dicte ecclesie collegiate prefatis dominis meis in premissis adherentibus seu adherere volentibus appello, et Apostolos peto, primo secundo et tertio, instanter, instantius et instantissime, michi dari et fieri cum effectu; et juro ad hec sancta Dei evangelia per me corporaliter tacta, quod decem dies non sunt elapsi ex quo de predictis gravaminibus et eorum singulis prefato Capitulo et canonicis, dominis meis, primo innotuit. Et protestor quod hujusmodi appellationem meam potero emendare, eidemque, si opus fuerit addere et detrahere, ipsamque omnibus et singulis quorum interest notificare et intimare, quatenus tutus accessus ad presentiam dicti domini Archiepiscopi patere possit, appellationemque meam predictam in eventu prosequi cum effectu pro loco et tempore oportunis.

Wherefore the proctor appeals,

swearing that ten days have not elapsed since the matter came to the knowledge of the canons.
He reserves the right of amending, adding to, or subtracting from the appeal.

Acta sunt hec prout superascribuntur et recitantur anno, indictione, pontificatu, mense, die et loco predictis, presentibus discretis viris, Dominis Johanne de Paxton, rectore ecclesie parochialis Sancti Martini in Ludgate Londoniarum, Johanne Mulshame, presbitero, Simone Tost, Londoniensis, Eliensis, Bathoniensis et Wellensis diocesium, testibus ad premissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis.

Done before Sir John Paxton, vicar of S. Martin's, Ludgate, and others.

Et ego Ricardus de Strensalle, clericus Eboracensis, publicus auctoritate Apostolica notarius, premisse appellationis interpositioni et lecture necnon omnibus et singulis supradictis dum sic ut premittitur agerentur et fierent (etc. as on p. 216.)

Richard of Strensalle, public notary, witnesses.

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* Marginal note: Habuisti xxvj dies ut patet in citatorio.

† Marginal note: Doce de mandato vicariorum.

Appellatio pro parte Domini Ricardi de Ravenser.

$138\frac{0}{1}$.
20 March.
Appeal of Richard of Ravenser, Archdeacon of Lincoln, canon prebendary of S. Martin's, Beverley, made in a chamber of the Lord Bishop of S. David's [?] in the suburbs of London by his proctor, William English.

In Dei nomine Amen. Anno ab incarnatione Ejusdem [etc. as on p. 216 down to] procuratoris nomine venerabilis viri, Domini Ricardi de Ravenser, Archidiaconi Lincolniensis, canonici ecclesie collegiate Beati Johannis Beverlacensis, et Prebendarii prebende Sancti Martini in eadem dicte Eboracensis diocesis, in quadam camera juxta portam infra hospitium reverendi patris et domini, Domini Episcopi Manensis [? Menevensis] in suburbiis Londoniarum, personaliter constitutus quamdam appellationem in scriptis redactam legit et interposuit atque Apostolos petiit, protestatus fuit et juravit sub hac forma verborum.

To same effect as in Chapter's appeal.

In Dei nomine Amen. Coram vobis discretis viris autentica persona et testibus ego, Willelmus Englisshe, procurator reverendi viri, Domini* Ricardi de Ravenser, Archidiaconi Lincolniensis, canonici ecclesie collegiate Beati Johannis Beverlacensis, et Prebendarii prebende Sancti Martini in eadem, nomine procuratoris pro eodem dico, allego [et] in hiis scriptis propono quod licet de consuetudine laudabili ab olim usitata et legitime prescripta necnon primeva fundatione ecclesie collegiate predicte, ac statutis, ordinationibus et constitutionibus legitimis postmodum subsecutis et per Sedem Apostolicam confirmatis districcius, et diutissime in ipsa ecclesia observatis, canonici dicte ecclesie collegiate quicumque omnes et singuli qui pro tempore fuerunt suis etiam successivis temporibus ab omni et omnimoda visitatione per alium seu alios preterquam per dominum Archiepiscopum † Eboracensem qui pro tempore fuerit ‡ in persona sua propria tantummodo, et una vice dumtaxat pro tempore suo in ecclesia predicta facienda, etiam per indulta dicte Sedis Apostolice liberi fuerunt pariter et immunes fuissentque dicti canonici ecclesie collegiate ejusdem in possessione, seu quasi, hujusmodi libertatis immunitatis et exemptionis, et etiam eis usi sunt inconcusse, per xl, l, lx annos ultra et citra et necnon a tempore et per tempus cujus contrarii memoria non existit, etiam pacifice et quiete, scientibus [et] tollerantibus Archiepiscopis Eboracensibus qui pro tempore fuerunt, et dicto Domino Alexandro Archiepis-

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* Marginal note : Doce de mandato. Show your authority.

† Marginal note : Quare noluisti comparere coram eo. Why then refuse to appear before him ?

‡ Marginal note :—Nota : Archiepiscopus habet visitare totiens quotiens.

Adding that the Abp. is notoriously an enemy to the death of the appellant, and some of his supporters also pursue Ravenser with mortal hatred, so that there is no safe access for him or his messengers.

copo qui pro tempore nunc est, premissa (5) [ap]probantibus et eisdem consentientibus, tam tacite quam expresse usque ad tempus gravaminum subscriptorum; fuissetque sic dictus reverendus pater Dominus Alexander, nunc Archiepiscopus supradictus, per partem domini mei ex eo presertim, sua reverentia semper salva, quod ipsius Ricardi domini mei fuit, sicut et prout adhuc est notorium, capitalis inimicus* et Ricardum, dominum meum predictum, tam idem dominus Archiepiscopus quam sui et alii sibi adherentes nonnulli hodie capitali prosecuti fuerunt, prout et adhuc prosecuntur, adeo quod propter insidias inimicorum suorum predictorum, nec sibi nec procuratoribus suis aut nunciis tutus† presertim in sua provincia et maxime in dominio suo Beverlacensi ad eum patuit, nec adhuc patet, accessus, necnon ex aliis causis gravis suspicionis materiam contrahentibus sufficientibus et legitimis certis arbitris per ipsum dominum meum debite nominatis et electis canonice et in debita juris forma recusatus.

Cui quidem recusationi ego procurator predictus innitor dominusque meus innititur, et inniti et eandem juxta juris exigentiam intendo, et intendit idem dominus meus, prosequi cum effectu.

Dictus tamen reverendus pater, Dominus Alexander, Archiepiscopus supradictus, cui de recusatione predicta ceterisque omnibus et singulis supradictis sufficienter constabat et constat ad plenum, ipsis non obstantibus, post et contra ea, et presertim eadem recusatione et causis in eadem contentis pendentibus indiscussis et adhuc notorie durantibus, et indies invalescentibus, prefatum Ricardum dominum meum, canonicum et prebendarium antedictum, ad recipiendum et subeundum personaliter visitationem suam ordinariam pretensam in dicta collegiata ecclesia per ipsum reverendissimum patrem, vel commissarium suum, presertim incertam et indeterminatam perficiendam ad terminum‡ nimis brevem et peremptorium, nulla rationabili causa in hac parte expressa vel aliqualiter subsistente citavit citarive mandavit et fecit injuste in ipsius Ricardi canonici et prebendarii supradicti ac prebende sue predicte prejudicium et gravamen.

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* Marginal note: Nota, si bene dicas.

† Nota, quod nuncius tuus venit ad dictum Archiepiscopum cum ista scriptura, et dominus invitavit eum ad prandium ita invitasset te, si venisses, et dominum tuum. Yet your messenger came to the Archbishop with this writing and the Archbishop asked him to dinner as he would have invited you if you had come, and your principal.

‡ Nota, si terminus fuerit brevis, qui fuit xxvj dierum.

Unde ego procurator antedictus sentiens dictum dominum meum, prebendam suam et me ejus nomine ex premissis gravaminibus et eorum quolibet indebite pregravari, propter ipsa gravamina et eorum singula et ab eisdem et eorum quolibet ad Sedem Apostolicam et dominum nostrum Papam in hiis scriptis appello et Apostolos peto, primo, secundo et tertio, instanter, instantius et instantissime, michi dari et fieri cum effectu subiciens dominum meum predictum, et me ejus nomine, ac ipsius homines familiares et ministros et omnes in hac parte eidem adherentes seu adherere volentes protectioni [et] defensioni Curie antedicte. Et juro ad hec sancta Dei evangelia per me corporaliter tacta quod infra novem dies proximos preteritos michi et domino meo predicto primo constituit de premissis gravaminibus, et eorum quolibet, et non ante. Protestor etiam ego procurator predictus quod michi predictam appellationem meam corrigere et emendare, eidemque si opus fuerit addere et detrahere, ipsamque omnibus et singulis quorum interest notificare et intimare quatenus tutus accessus ad presentiam dicti domini Archiepiscopi patere possit, appellationemque meam predictam in eventu prosequi cum effectu pro loco et tempore oportunis.

So appeals to Pope and the Apostles.

And places himself and his under the protection of the Papal court.

Swears that Ravenser had only heard of it within nine days past.

Acta sunt hec prout suprascribuntur et recitantur anno, indictione, pontificatu, mense, die et loco predictis, presentibus discretis viris, Domino Thoma de Frogham, vicario perpetuo ecclesie parochialis de Aldburry, Londoniensis diocesis, Thoma de Shirburne et Willelmo Moises, Eboracensis diocesis, testibus ad premissa [etc. as in last].

Die vero Mercurii, videlicet xxvij mensis Mertii, constitutus personaliter dictus Magister Johannes Kele coram dicto reverendo patre, Alexandro, Eboracensi Archiepiscopo, pro tribunali sedente in ecclesia Beverlacensi coram summo altari, quod[d]am exhibuit scriptum consimilis materie die precedenti oblatis scripturis. Quod quidem scriptum coram eodem reverendo patre lectum idem reverendus pater patienter auscultavit sub eo qui sequiter tenore.

1381.
27 March.
Mr. J. Kele produced to the Archbishop, sitting on the judgment seat in Beverley Church, an instrument to the same effect as those tendered on the previous day, to which the reverend father patiently listened.

[5^{d}] *Tenor dicti scripti, ut premittitur, per modum appellationis pro parte Capituli Beverlacensis.*

In Dei nomine Amen. Per presens publicum instrumentum cunctis appareat evidenter quod anno ab incarnatione Domini

$138\frac{0}{1}$.
23 March.

Appeal by the Chapter's proctor, William English, in this case in his house in St. Faith's parish, London.

secundum cursum et computationem ecclesie Anglicane millesimo ccc^{mo} octogesimo, indictione quarta, pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini, Domini Urbani, divina providentia Pape sexti, anno tertio, et mense Mertii die vicesimo tertio, in presentia mei, Johannis, notarii auctoritate apostolica publici, et testium subscriptorum in hospitio habitationis mee in parochia Sancti Fidis Virginis Londoniis situate, constitutus personaliter discretus vir, Willelmus Englisshe, clericus Eboracensis diocesis, procurator, ut asseruit, venerabilium virorum.* Capituli ecclesie collegiate Sancti Johannis Beverlacensis ad infrascripta sufficientem ut asseruit habens potestatem, quandam appellationem, Apostolorum petitiones, et juramentorum prestationes, in scriptis redactas, fecit, legit et interposuit, ac Apostolos petiit sepius et instanter, et ad sancta Dei evangelia per eundem corporaliter tacta juravit, prout in quadam cedula papiri quam idem procurator in manu sua tunc tenebat et legebat plenius continetur. Cujus ceduli tenor sequitur in hec verba:

In Dei nomine Amen. Coram vobis discretis viris autentica persona et testibus Ego, Willelmus Englisshe, clericus Eboracensis diocesis procurator et procuratoris nomine venerabilium virorum Capituli ecclesie collegiate Sancti Johannis Beverlacensis Eboracensis diocesis, dico, allego et in hiis scriptis propono, quod licet de consuetudine laudabili ab olim usitata et legitime prescripta necnon a primeva fundatione ecclesie collegiate predicte ac statutis ordinationibus et consuetidinibus legitimis postmodum subsecutis, et rationabiliter editis, et per Sedem Apostolicam confirmatis districtius, et diutissime in ipsa ecclesia probatis et observatis, canonici, vicarii et alii ministri dicte Ecclesie quicumque et familiares eorundem eorumque tenentes de jurisdictione dicti Capituli existentes fuerunt et sunt ab omni jurisdictione primaria Domini Archiepiscopi Eboracensis secundum modum infrascriptum liberi et immunes et prorsus exempti et jurisdictioni Capituli ecclesie collegiate predicte Sancti Johannis supradicti inmediate subditi et subjecti, quodque causarum quarumcumque civilium et criminalium, spiritualium et temporalium, ad forum ecclesiasticum spectantium primaria cognitio, et eorum decisio, infra jurisdictionem ejusdem ecclesie collegiate inter canonicos, vicarios aliasque personas quascumque jurisdictionis predicte emergentium, necnon visitatio, inquisitio, correctio et punitio et debita reformatio quorumcumque excessuum dicte jurisdictionis subditorum et eorum familiarium, presertim infra jurisdictionem commorantium, seu inibi quomodolibet delinquentium; necnon testamentorum omnium et singulorum canonicorum ministrorum et familiarium ac tenentium predictorum et aliorum infra jurisdictionem predictam testantium, seu in eorum ultima voluntate disponentium, aparitio, insinuatio, probationis admissio et approbatio, ac administrationis bonorum dictorum defunctorum testamenta concernentium et ab intestato decedentium commissio, calculi et ratiociniorum hujusmodi administrationis auditio, discus[s]io, receptio, litterarumque acquietantie super administratione hujusmodi factio et finalis liberatio seu dimissio, necnon aparitoris ministri seu bedelli dicti Capituli ad portandum ante ipsum Capitulum in processionibus in ipsa ecclesia faciendis virgam vel baculum et ad citationes quorumcunque subditorum dicte jurisdictionis coram dicto Capitulo, aut causarum Auditore ipsius Capituli, comparere debentium; necnon aliorum ministrorum dicte ecclesie collegiate prefectio, deputatio, ammotio et libera et plena dispositio ad Capitulum ecclesie collegiate predicte solum et insolidum pertinuit et pertinet, et pertinere debet etiam infuturum, appellationum seu querelarum causis ad ipsum dominum Archiepiscopum devolutis seu devolvendis, ac visitatione dicti domini Archiepiscopi Eboracensis qui pro tempore fuerit actualiter et canonice, in persona sua propria tantummodo, et non per alios commissarios suos vel ministros, et una vice dumtaxat pro tempore suo in ecclesia predicta facienda dumtaxat exceptis; fueruntque venerabiles viri Capitulum predicte ecclesie collegiate Beverlacensis in possessione, seu quasi, juris libertatum et immunitatum predictorum pacifica et quieta; omniaque et singula superius expressata ad dictum Capitulum, ut premittitur, spectantia, sic ut prefertur, exhibendi et expediendi, et eadem exercuerunt, fecerunt et expediverunt, et hujusmodi libertatem et immunitatem tenuerunt et habuerunt etiam solum et insolidum, exceptis illis dumtaxat que superius sunt excepta, per xl, l, lx annos, ultra et citra, necnon a tempore et per tempus cujus contrarii memoria hominum non existit, inconcusse, pacifice, pariter et quiete, scientibus [et] tollerantibus Archiepiscopis qui pro tempore fuerunt, et Domino Alexandro Archiepiscopo qui nunc est, pro tempore suo, et premissa approbantibus et eisdem consentientibus tam tacite quam expresse usque ad tempus gravaminium subscriptorum.

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* Marginal note: Set mandatum non produxit, ideo non doceat. But as he produced no authority, he should not teach.

Recital of appeal.

Quodque pro parte dicti Capituli ecclesie collegiate predicte in possessione premissorum omnium et singulorum existentium, metuentium ex quibusdam causis probabilibus et verisimilibus conjecturis posse sibi et aliis eorum jurisdictione subditis in premissis, (6) et circa ea grave prejudicium generari, Ne quis in ipsius Capituli Sancti Johannis Beverlacensis seu aliorum quorumcunque jurisdictioni ejusdem Capituli, ut premittitur, subditorum prejudicium circa premissa vel eorum aliquod quicquam attemptet seu faciat aliqualiter attemptari, citando, monendo, inquirendo, visitando, corrigendo, puniendo, interdicendo, suspendendo, excommunicando, sequestrando seu alio quovismodo gravando, ad Sedem Apostolicam et dominum nostrum Papam palam et publice legitime extitit provocatum et provocando appellatum.

Nevertheless the Archbishop, with no legal right,

Attempting to infringe the liberties of the church and destroy the jurisdiction of the Chapter,

In the chapel of the chapter altar behind the chair, a place notoriously exempt from his jurisdiction, and daily exercises jurisdiction against divers men and women exempt from his jurisdiction. Thus he cited the executors of Richard Kyllyng, who while he lived was in the exempt jurisdiction, and made them prove his will already proved before the chapter's assessor;

Reverendus tamen in Christo pater, Dominus Alexander, Archiepiscopus Eboracensis supradictus, nullam in hac parte habens jurisdictionem, seu aliquam aliam legitimam potestatem, dictis provocationibus et appellationibus ceterisque premissis, que ipsum verisimiliter non latebant, non obstantibus, post et contra ea, molliens consuetudinem primevamque fundationem dicte ecclesie collegiate, ac statuta ordinationes et constitutiones ejusdem ecclesie collegiate rationabiles, confirmatas et duitissime observatas, ac jura et libertates ejusdem ecclesie subvertere, de quibus premittitur, infringere et penitus enervare jurisdictionem ecclesiasticam tam voluntariam quam etiam contentiosam in capella altaris capitularis sita retro chorum ecclesie predicte, ab ejus jurisdictione notorie exempta, in diversos viros et mulieres ad hujusmodi locum citatos per se et commissarios suos et officiales excercere, et capitulum in eadem celebrare, et ipsosque corrigere et punire pro suis excessibus, eisdem citatis per ipsos commissarios et officiales impositos temerarie de diebus in dies presumit, ac dicti Commissarii de ejus mandato et assensu presumunt.

Quodque i[i]dem commissarii executores testamentorum cujusdam Ricardi Kyllyng', de jurisdictione exempta dicte ecclesie, dum vixit, existentis, testamentum dicti Ricardi coram Auditore causarum dicti Capituli legitime probatum et per ipsum Auditorem legitime approbatum de precepto et auctoritate dicti domini Archiepiscopi coram eis exhibere fecerunt, et super illo probationes iterato temere admiserunt et probationem et approbationem dicti Auditoris in ea parte reprobaverunt.

Quosdam etiam, Dominos Robertum de Louthorpe executorem testamenti Magistri Roberti de Beverlaco et executorem testamenti Domini Ricardi de Killom, quondam vicarii ejusdem Ecclesie Beverlacensis, et Adam de Bedalle executorem testamenti Domini Roberti de Lynwoode, et Johannem de Normanby executorem testamenti Domini Johannis Swynfelte, defunctorum, et de jurisdictione dicti capituli dum vixerunt notorie existentium; capellanos etiam dicte jurisdictioni subditos, ad probandum dicta testamenta coram ipso vel dictis commissariis suis, que primitus auctoritate dicti capituli probata fuerint* pariter et approbata in forma juris.

He did the same to Robert of Lowthorp, executor of Robert of Beverley, and Richard of Kilham, a vicar of the Minster, Adam of Bedale, executor of Sir Robert of Lynwood, and John of Normanby, executor of Sir John Swinefleet;

Necnon Ricardum de Holme et Dominum Walterum de Gretham, de jurisdictione dicti Capituli notorie existentes, ad comparendum coram eo vel commissariis suis contra libertatem dicte ecclesie, idem reverendus pater citavit citarive mandavit et fecit, et quia dicti Ricardus et Walterus, sic notorie ab ejus jurisdictione exempti coram eo non comparuerunt, ipsos contra tenorem Concilii Generalis excommunicavit minus juste.

also he cited Richard of Holme and Walter of Greatham, belonging to the Chapter's jurisdiction and excommunicated them for not appearing;

Ac idem dominus Archiepiscopus quandam Marjoriam, uxorem Ade Coke de Beverlaco de jurisdictione exempta dicti Capituli existentem coram ipso domino Archiepiscopo vel commissariis suis, omnino incertis et indeterminatis, super certis criminibus infra jurisdictionem exemptam dicti Capituli commissis citari mandavit et fecit, et jurisdictionem per eosdem commissarios suos minus voluntarie excercuit, et excercere fecit in ea parte, ipsam de eisdem criminibus purgare nequiter compellendo.

and wickedly made Margery, wife of Adam Cook of Beverley, of the exempt jurisdiction, purge herself for alleged crimes;

Apparitorem quoque dicti Capituli in ipsa ecclesia summe necessarium officio suo hujusmodi privavit, cum non potuit ex abrupto ac ipsum ne ulterius dictum officium occuparet nec virgam nec baculum, sicut moris est, in eadem ecclesia gestaret, nec quicquam aliud ad dictum officium pertinens excerceret, sub pena excommunicationis majoris monuit artiusque precepit.

dispossessed the Chapter summoner and Beadle of his office;

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* Marginal note : Nota immo usurpata.

and adding injury to injury, horribly excommunicated Sir William of Blythom and John of Sprotley, chaplain, immediate subjects of the chapter;

Et insuper gravamina gravaminibus accumulans, Dominos Willelmum de Blegthon et Johannem de Sprotteley, capellanos, jurisdictioni dicti Capituli inmediate subditos et subjectos post et contra appellationes eorundem ab ipso ad Sedem Apostolicam et dominum nostrum Papam primitus interjectas et sibi debite notificatas, excommunicatos fuisse et esse cum communicantibus, magis hor[r]ibiliter communicationemque fidelium eis inhibendo denunciari mandavit et fecit.

Ac quasi omni die quedam hostia chori in diversis temporibus et vicibus claudere eisdem temporibus antea solita aperiri, per que canonici et ministri dicte ecclesie collegiate dictum chorum ingredi et egredi libere solebant, et per suos ministros sic clausa, ne quis per ea introeat vel exeat custodiri mandat et facit, divinum officium et executores officii hujusmodi in scandalum ipsius ecclesie (6^b) et diminutionem divini cultus in eadem nequiter impediendo seu perturbando.

Sicque et alias prefatus reverendus pater dictos venerabiles viros, Capitulum Ecclesie Beverlacensis supradicte, necnon ministros et subditos suos predictos, et alios de jurisdictione dicti Capituli notorie existentes, circa jus et possessionem dicti Capituli in premissis multipliciter indebite molestavit et inquietavit et perturbavit molestarive inquietari et perturbari mandavit et fecit, seu hujusmodi molestationem inquietationem et perturbationem nomine suo sic illicite factas ratas habuit pariter et acceptas, in ipsorum dominorum meorum, Capituli Ecclesie Collegiate Beverlacensis, et aliorum ministrorum familiarium et subditorum et tenentium predictorum prejudicium non modicum et gravamen.

Unde ego Willelmus procurator supradictus sentiens dictos dominos meos Capitulum Ecclesie Collegiate predicte et singulares canonicos vicarios presbiteros et ministros, et familiares ac alios quorum in hac parte interest, ut prefertur, et me, eorum nomine, ex premissis gravaminibus et eorum quolibet indebite pregravari, a premissis gravaminibus omnibus et singulis, et propter ea et que ex eis et eorum occasione colligi possunt, ad sacrosanctam Sedem Apostolicam et dominum nostrum Papam in hiis scriptis appello, et Apostolos peto, primo, secundo et tertio, instanter, instantius et instantissime, dictis dominis meis et michi eorum nomine dari et fieri cum effectu; Subiciens predictos dominos meos, necnon canonicos, vicarios, ministros et eorum familiares, ac omnes alios eis in hac parte adherentes seu adherere volentes, ac me, ipsorum nomine, protectioni et defensioni curie antedicte, Et juro ego procurator antedictus nomine quo supra ad hec sancta Dei evangelia per me corporaliter tacta quod infra novem dies proxime preteritos dictis dominis meis et michi eorum nomine primo constitit de premissis gravaminibus et eorum quolibet et non ante; Quodque nescio certitudinaliter ubi invenire possum dictum reverendum patrem ad notificandum sibi presentem appellationem infra tempus de jure limitatum; quodque non audeo, propter justum metum et corporis mei cruciatum, qui potest cadere in constantem virum, dictam appellationem prefato reverendo patri propter ipsius reverendi patris et suorum ferocitatem et potentiam personaliter intimare;

Protestor insuper ego, procurator antedictus, quod liceat michi predictam appellationem meam corrigere et emendare eidemque si opus fuerit addere et detrahere ipsamque omnibus et singulis quorum interest notificare et intimare, si quatenus tutus accessus ad presentiam dicti domini Archiepiscopi Eboracensis michi patere possit, appellationemque meam predictam in eventu prosequi pro loco et tempore oportunis.

Acta fuerunt hec que suprascribuntur, prout predixi per prefatum Willelmum Englisshe procuratorem sub anno, indictione, pontificatu, mense, die et loco prefatis, presentibus discretis viris, Dominis Willelmo de Welton, rectore ecclesie de Cretyng Sancte Marie, Norwicensis diocesis, Willelmo de Ekyngton, clerico, Lichfeldensis diocesis, Johanne Ward, presbitero, Lincolniensis diocesis, Edwardo Mettley, clerico, Lichfeldensis, Roberto Norhlod et Ricardo Withame, notariis publicis, Wellensis et Londiniensis diocesium, testibus ad premissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis.

Et ego Johannes dictus Sire de Katryngton, clericus, Wyntoniensis diocesis, publicus auctoritate Apostolica notarius, Curieque Cantuariensis Registrarius et ejusdem Curie Registrorum Custos, dicte appellationis interpositioni et lecture, ac ceteris omnibus et singulis supradictis dum, sic ut premittitur, sub anno, indictione, pontificatu, mense, die et loco predictis per dictum Willelmum Englisshe, procuratorem, agerentur et fierent, personaliter interfui, una cum testibus antedictis; eaque sic fieri vidi et audivi, ac aliis arduis negotiis multipliciter occupatus, per alium scribi feci, publicavi et in hanc publicam formam redegi manu propria me[a], hic subscribendo et signum meum consuetum apponendo per eundem

Willelmum Englisshe specialiter rogatus, in testimonium premissorum.

Mr. Kele asks for answer,

Super quo quidem scripto et aliis scripturis die inmediate precedenti eidem reverendo patri per dictum Magistrum Johannem Kele exhibitis, responsionem dictus Johannes per dictum reverendum patrem petiit sibi dari. Demum idem reverendus pater, auscultatis premissis scripturis et plenius intellectis taliter quod nullius erant efficacie set mere frivole frustratorie et inanes et fugam a vero judice includentes, Idcirco predicto Magistro Johanni in scriptis respondit in hec verba:

and is told that the Abp. does not intend to exceed his jurisdiction, but will exercise it.

Tuas nuper et hodie conformis materie oblatas scripturas et per nos inspectas, communicato sano jurisperitorum super ipsis consilio, non reperimus nostram intentionem elidere nec impedire (7) tam visitare reformare corrigere et punire, ordinare et in aliis nostram jurisdictionem excercere intendamus, quod de jure communi et laudabili inconcussa consuetudine et a[b]sque contradictione aliquali ad nostram inmediate pertinet jurisdictionem et modum procedendi in hujusmodi contra te vel alios non dum excesserimus nec Deo teste excedere vellemus.* Idcirco ipsis scripturis non obstantibus, quibus non deferimus, duximus in nostra visitatione prout justum erit procedendum.

The Abp. then enters the Chapter house, and after a sermon by an LLD. on the text, Visit this vine, proceeds with visitation.

Qua responsione data surrexit de loco suo et intravit domum capitularem dicte ecclesie, ubi proposito primitus verbo Dei per Officialem suum legum doctorem, cujus thema erat "Visita vineam istam," ad visitationem suam processit, et lecta primitus citatione et executione ejusdem cujus tenor sequitur.

Executio citationis prime ad visitandum.

$138\frac{0}{1}$. 2 March. Summons for visitation received.

In Dei nomine Amen. Ab incarnatione Domini secundum cursum et computationem Ecclesie Anglicane millesimo ccc^{mo} octogesimo, indictione quarta, pontificatu sanctissimi in Christo patris et Domini nostri, Domini Urbani, divina providentia Pape sexti, anno tertio, mensis Mertii die secunda, In domo capitulari ecclesie collegiate Beati Johannis Beverlacensis †discretus vir Magister Radulphus de Selby in utroque jure

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* Marginal note: "Addantur testes."

† Va is interlined at the first and last of these marks, and the following words substituted in margin: Ego Johannes Notarius infrascriptus mandatum reverendi patris et domini, Domini A., Dei gratia Eboracensis Archiepiscopi, recepi in hec verba.

Bacallarius, Auditor Causarum reverendi patris Domini Alexandri, Eboracensis Archiepiscopi, quasdam litteras sigillo reverendi in Christo patris et domini Alexandri, Dei gratia Eboracensis Archiepiscopi, Anglie Primatis, et Apostolice Sedis Legati, in cera rubra signatas ex parte dicti reverendi patris exhibuit, et ipsas litteras coram quampluribus vicariis et aliis ministris ejusdem ecclesie, presente reverendo patre, legi et publicari et alta [et] inteligibile (*sic*) voce exponi per me Notarium subscriptum requisivit et hoc idem predictus reverendus pater mihi mandavit, quarum litterarum tenor sequitur et est talis.*

Alexander, permissione divina Eboracensis Archiepiscopus, Anglie Primas, et Apostolice Sedis Legatus, dilectis filiis, Capitulo ecclesie nostre collegiate Beati Johannis Beverlacensis, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem.

Quia intendimus per Dei gratiam die Mercurii proximo post festum Annunciationis Beate Marie Virginis, videlicet vicesimo septimo die mensis Mertii proximo futuro, cum continuatione et prorogatione dierum subsequentium, quatenus opus fuerit, vos in capitulo vestro Beverlacensi, necnon vicarios et clericos dicte ecclesie ac omnes alios et singulos dicte ecclesie qualitercunque intitulatos seu promotos et in eadem ministrantes ad recreationem animarum vestrarum et suarum personaliter intueri, et visitationis officium apud vos et eos paternis affectibus excerccee, vobis firmiter injungendo, mandamus, vosque intitulatos seu promotos necnon vicarios clericos et ministrantes supradictos tenore presentium peremptorie citamus† quod vos omnes et singuli et ipsi dicto die coram nobis vel commissariis nostris personas vestras et suas ibidem, votivamque presentiam personalem filiali promptitudine personaliter pretendatis, et quilibet vestrum et suorum tempestive pretendat, visitationem nostram nostraque salubria monita, correctiones et injungenda cum debita et devota reverentia que vos et ipsos communiter et divisim premissa concernunt suscepturi, litteras ordinum suorum et vestrorum ac titulos, quos habere pretenditis et pretendunt, in prebendis et beneficiis suis que optinetis et optinent, ac quilibet vestrum et eorum optinet in ecclesia nostra antedicta ostensuri, ulteriusque facturi que vobis et ipsis utinam [omission] proficiat sicut precepimus ad salutem. Ad quos diem et locum confratres vestros nunc absentes necnon omnes et singulos vicarios et clericos promotos et ministrantes hujusmodi ad faciendum omnia et singula premissa prout vos et ipsos eorum quemlibet contingunt legitime convocetis. Nos super premissa certificantes ad dictos diem et locum per litteras vestras patentes que harum seriem et nomina confratrum vicariorum et clericorum atque ministrorum omnium dicte ecclesie nostre distincte et plenarie representent. Feliciter in Domino valeatis. Scriptum in manerio nostro Beverlacis xxv die mensis Februarii A.D. millesimo c cc^mo^ octogesimo, et nostre consecrationis septimo.

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* Marginal note :—Nota, omnes qui tunc fuerunt in domo capitulari fuerunt citati personaliter, ut hic patet.

† Marginal note :—Pro vic' quibus sic peract etc.

Quas quidem litteras citatorias de mandato dicti reverendi patris eodem die secundo mensis Martii ego Johannes Notarius infrascriptus in presentia Domini Roberti de Louthorpe, locum tenentis capituli ecclesie Beverlacensis ut publice dicebatur, et pro tali se gessit, in singulorum vicariorum et ministrorum dicte ecclesie quorumcunque presentia tunc ibidem alta et inteligibile (*sic*) voce legi publicavi et in volgari exposui, citavi ac hujusmodi litteras statim et incontinenter eodem die prefato Domino Roberto locum tenenti capituli exequendas contra absentes tradidi et liberavi. Quas quidem litteras citatorias ut premittitur exequendas idem Robertus de manu mea statim eadem hora recepit.

Acta sunt hec prout suprascribuntur sub anno, indictione, pontificatu, loco et die predictis, presentibus venerabilibus et discretis viris, Magistro Ricardo de Conyngston, legum doctore, Curie Eboracensis Officiali, Rogero Pykeryng notario publico, ad premissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis. Et ego Johannes de Scardeburgh, auctoritate (7^d^) Apostolica notarius publicus, premissis omnibus et singulis, Radulpho de Selby Baccallario in legibus, R. Tanfield Notario Publico ac aliis presentibus [presens interfui].

Relatio facta de citatione contra absentes.

1381. 26 March. Copies of the summons fixed on the stalls of all those absent on 2 March during mass.

Die xxvj mensis Mertii Robertus Louthorpe, locum tenens Capituli predicti ecclesie Beverlacensis in absentia Canonicorum retulit michi notario infrascripto Radulpho de Selby Bacallario in legibus et R. Tanfeld notario publico ac aliis presentibus et intelligentibus, se litteras citatorias inmediate subscriptas in ecclesia Beverlacensi stallis omnium et singulorum canonicorum tunc absentium tertio die mensis Mertii infra missarum solempnia affixisse, et ipsas sic affixas usque ad finem divinorum officiorum ibidem dimisisse, demum ipsas originales litteras deposuisse et honorabili viro Domino Nicholao de Luda,[*] canonico dicte ecclesie per certum nuncium, die quarto dicti mensis misisse, et copias predictarum litterarum in predictis stallis presentibus vicariis et ministris predictorum canonicorum absencium reliquisse et dimisisse Va[†] qui quidem Nicholaus de Luda retulit michi notario infrascripto predictas litteras citatorias ad presentiam et notitiam dictorum canonicorum tunc a dicta ecclesia absencium die sexto mensis Mertii predicti per certum suum nuncium transmisisse.[*]

The crier calls on those cited to appear, viz.: Richard of Ravenser, prebendary of S. Martin's, Richard of Chester, of S. Peter's, Nicholas of Louth, of S. Katharine's, William Birstall, of S. Michael's, Henry of Snaith, of S. James, Richard of Thorne of S. Stephen's; Mr. Walter of Shirllaw, of S. Andrew's; John of Wellingborough, of S. Mary's; and their respective vicars; and Mr. Ralph Wallace, Precentor: Robert of Leconfield, chancellor; and Roger of Ripon, Sacrist, the 7 berfellari, 7 chantry priests; and 21 clerks of the second form.

Quibus sicut premittitur peractis idem reverendus pater in loco suo pro tribunali sedens fecit predictos citatos per suum nuncium preconizari, videlicet, Dominum Ricardum de Ravenser, prebendarium prebende S. Mertini, Ricardum de Chesterfeld prebendarium prebende Sancti Petri, Nicholaum de Louth prebende Sancte Katerine, Willelmum de Bristall prebendarium prebende Sancti Michaelis, Henricum de Snayth, prebendarium prebende Sancti Jacobi, Ricardum de Thorne, prebendarium prebende Sancti Stephani, Magistrum Walterum de Skyrlaw, prebendarium prebende Sancti Andree, Johannem Wendelyngburgh, prebendarium prebende Sancte Marie, Ricardum de Eleghton vicarium Domini Ricardi de Ravenser, Johannem de Sprottley, vicarium Domini Ricardi Chesterfeld, Willelmum de Eleghton, vicarium Domini Nicholai de Louth, Willelmum de Wakfeld vicarium dicti Willelmi de Brustall (*sic*), Robertum de Benyngholm vicarium Domini Henrici de Snayth, Johannem de Weton, vicarium Domini Ricardi de Thorne, Henricum de Beswyke, vicarium Magistri Walteri de Skyrlaw, Johannem de Naffirton, vicarium Domini Johannis de Wendlyngburgh, Robertum de Louthope, vicarium Domini Archiepiscopi, Magistrum Radulphum Waleys, Precentorem in eadem ecclesia, Robertum de Lekyngfeld Cancellarium in eadem, Rogerum de Ripon, Sacristam in eadem, Thomam de Wyverthorpe, Willelmum de Leveryngton, Robertum de Okam, Willelmum de Hedon, Thomam Coppendale, Willelmum de Garton et Willelmum de Newton, Berfellarios ejusdem ecclesie, Dominos Willelmum de Sutton, Johannem de Bedale, Adam de Waltam, Edmundum Barde, Thomam Sutheby, Willelmum de Heselle, Johannem de Benyngworth, cantarias in eadem ecclesia optinentes, necnon clericos secunde forme, Thomam Ellerker, Johannem Willardby, Thomam de Alnwyke, Thomam de Carneby, Stephanum de Routhe, Johannem de Boynton, Thomam de Stayngrave, Thomam Warde, Johannem Browne, Thomam Marnam, Johannem de Louthorpe, Johannem de Bridlyngton, Johannem de Hornse, Thomam Kokerelle, Willelmum de Scardeburgh, Johannem de Colston, Johannem de Beswyke, Johannem de Appilby, Adam de Malton, Johannem de Hastethorpe, et Johannem del Barowe, ad subeundum visitationem predictam ad statim, presentibus venerabilibus viris, Johanne Mowbray, utriusque juris doctore, domini nostri Pape et sui sacri palatii causarum Auditore, reverendo patre, Ricardo S' men' episcopo suffragane(o) dicti domini Archiepiscopi, ac Magistro Ricardo de Conyngston, legum doctore, Officiali dicti reverendi patris Curie Eboracensis, et aliis quampluribus fidedignis tam clericis quam laycis etc.

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[*] Nota, quod citatio ad notitiam absentium poterit pervenire :—Nota quod Nicholaus Lout executus est citationem ad visitationem.

[†] Va-cat.

Present John Mowbray, assessor of the Pope's Palace Court, Richard, suffragan bishop, and Mr. Richard of Coningston, his Official.

Only the Precentor, one Berfellarius, and one chantry priest appeared.

Qua preconizacione facta comparuerunt coram dicto reverendo patre in visitatione sua Magister Radulphus Waleys, precentor dicte ecclesie, necnon Dominus Thomas de Wyverthorpe, Berfellarius in eadem, et etiam Adam de Waltham, capellanus, qui prestiterunt juramentum debite obedientie dicto reverendo patre. Quilibet eorum prestitit hujusmodi sub tenore.* Et ego Radulphus Waleys Precentor ecclesie Beverlacensis ero obediens et fidelis reverendo patri et domino, Alexandro, Eboracensi Archiepiscopo, Anglie Primati, et Apostolice Sedis Legato, ejusque successoribus canonice intrantibus, Officialique et vicariis suis in spiritualibus, in licitis, honestis et canonicis mandatis, sic me Deus adjuvet et hec sancta Dei evangelia per me hec corporaliter tacta.

Oath of obedience.

Solummodo prefati Domini Thomas [et Adam]† juravit et ipsorum quilibet juravit. Quos quidem juratos ut prefertur (8) idem reverendus pater presentialiter monuit ut litteras ordinum et titulos beneficiorum suorum ad statim sub virtute debite et suprajurate [obedientie] ostenderent coram eo et exhiberent, qui sic moniti ad statim tam litteras ordinum quam titulos beneficiorum suorum exhibuerunt et penes

Those appearing show their letters of orders and titles.

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* Tenore obedientie prestate.

† Nota tres subierunt visitationem et juraverunt obedientiam. "Et Adam" interlined.

Registrum visitationis copias eorundem dimiserunt. Alios autem citatos et preconizatos et sufficienter expectatos non comparentes nec termino prefato satisfacere curantes pronunciavit contumaces, et in eorum contumaciam non obstantem, continuavit visitationem ad diem Jovis xxviij diem dicti mensis in loco et hora predictis, presentibus discretis viris, Magistris Thoma de Southam, Archidiacono Oxonie, Radulpho de Selby, Auditore causarum dicti reverendi patris, et aliis quampuribus ad premissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis. Item eodem die prefatus reverendus pater protestabatur palam et expresse quod interfuit et interesse vellet Capitulo Beverlacensi tanquam canonicus ejusdem ecclesie quamdiu Preciosa ibidem diceretur seu psallaretur, et quod illa finita quando processit vel procederit in visitatione sua interfuit, interest, et interesse vellet ut Archiepiscopus loci ordinarius.*

The rest pronounced contumacious and adjourned to 28th.

Die Jovis xxviij die mensis Mertii dicto reverendi patre sedente pro tribunali in domo capitulari suam visitationem continuando predictos citatos et contumaces per ipsum ut premittitur, reputatos non comparentes sufficienter expectatos preconizari fecit et terminum ad ulteriora contradictos contumaces ad procedendum statuit ad diem Veneris immediate sequentem, videlicet xxix dicti mensis.

Further adjournment to 29 March.

Confessio Vicariorum quod non audebant comparere in visitatione propter eorum dominos canonicos etc.

Die Veneris xxix dicti mensis Martii† predictos contumaces vicarios tunc ibidem in domo capitulari coram dicto reverendo patre, sedente pro tribunali, presentes, nec comparere in actu visitationis hujusmodi curantes, idem reverendus pater ipsos vicarios ministros ecclesie interrogavit quare noluerunt subire visitationem suam, cum constet ipsos fore subditos suos et ad hoc legitime citatos; qui responderunt quod non audebant comparere ‡ coram eo in visitatione sua propter dominos canonicos dicte ecclesie magistros § suos, et statim de domo

29 March. The Vicars though in the chapter house could not appear at visitation; asked why, said they dare not because of their masters, the canons, and in derision left the chapter house. The Abp. called them back and warned them to amend their contumacy, and ordered Ravenser and Wellingborough to be personally summoned, if they could be caught, and otherwise by citation left in their stalls to show their titles;

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* Marginal note: Protestatio archiepiscopi quod inter . . . . ut canonicus quamdiu psalla . . . . set postea ut archiepiscopus.

† Changed from Mertii.

‡ Marginal note: Qualiter omnes vicarii fuerunt moniti personaliter in visitatione domini, etc.

§ *Magistros* written above in the same hand as the headings and sidenotes.

and all the canons to be summoned for 22 April if a law day, otherwise the next law day to show the statutes and ordinances on which they relied against the visitation.

capitulari derisorie recesserunt, quos idem reverendus pater statim vocavit et ipsos redeuntes,* ipsorum contumacia exigente, iterum ad convincendum eorum maliciam personaliter monuit, ac Dominos Ricardum de Ravenser et Johannem de Wenlyngburgh, canonicos dicte ecclesie absentes, mandavit citari personaliter, si eos apprehendere poterit; alioquin in stallis eorum in choro per nuncium suum juratum sub pena excommunicationis contra diem Sabbati inmediate sequentem, videlicet xxx diem dicti mensis, quod compareant coram eo in dicta domo capitulari suam visitationem subituri, litteras ordinum ac titulos sue incumbentie in beneficiis eorum ostensuri et exhibituri, et recepturi quod justum est, et exigit ordo juris. Et statim mandavit per suum nuncium juratum citari personaliter peremptorie omnes canonicos dicte ecclesie, si personaliter apprehendi poterunt, alioquin in stallis eorum in choro dicte ecclesie quod compareant coram eo xxij die mensis Aprilis ex tunc inmediate sequenti si dies juridica fuerit, alioquin die sequenti proxima juridica, ad ostendendum et exhibendum statuta† et ordinationes ac quecumque alia jura, per que contra visitationem suam volunt se juvare, et tunc dictus reverendus pater continuavit visitationem suam usque diem Sabbati xxx diem dicti mensis.

Prestatio obedientie aliquorum de ecclesia.

30 March. Four chantry priests appeared and returned to their obedience.

Die Sabbati xxx predicti mensis Martii predicto reverendo patre hora consueta in domo capitulari predicta pro tribunali sedente contumaciam purgantes comparuerunt coram eo Johannes de Bridlyngton, Johannes del Barowe, Johannes Waleys, Thomas Brade, ministri ecclesie collegiate predicte sua debita de observando obedientiam prestiterunt per modum subscriptum sacramenta, et statim eadem die Sabbati et hora predictus nuncius juratus predictos Dominos Ricardum de Ravenser et Johannem de Wendlyngburgh, canonicos dicte ecclesie absentes retulit [in nota infra] (*interlined in a different hand*) se in stallo chori et loco capituli predicte ecclesie Beverlacensis, quod eos personaliter apprehendere non potuit ad ostendendum litteras ordinum et titulos incum-

The sworn apparitor said he had summoned Ravenser and Wellingborough.

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* Marginal note: Patet in papero pro Vicariis.

† Marginal note: Mandatum de citando canonicos ad xxij diem Aprilis ad ostendendum statuta et ordinationes ecclesie Beverlacensis.

bentie sue sub pena excommunicationis ad eundem diem (8 d) citasse et proclamasse. Et statim reverendus pater predictos canonicos pretensos citatos, necnon Dominos Ricardum de Eleghton, Johannem de Sprotley, Willelmum de Wakfeld, Robertum Benyngholm, Johannem de Wetonne, Henricum de Beswike, Johannem de Naffirton dicte ecclesie vicarios, ad comparendum coram eo in visitatione sua isto die personaliter monitos* ad ostendendum litteras ordinum suorum et titulos incumbentie sue per nuncium suum juratum mandavit preconizari. Quos quidem canonicos et vicarios pretensos preconizatos, legitime expectatos, nullo modo comparentes reputavit idem reverendus pater et pronunciavit contumaces, ipsos pretensos canonicos usque ad diem Lune primum mensis Aprilis proximo futuro benevole expectando et mandavit dictos vicarios suprascriptos ad v diem Aprilis proximo ad ostendendum titulos suos et litteras ordinum suorum vel ad dicendum causam rationabilem quare non debeant in scriptis excommunicari, per suum nuncium juratum peremptorie citari. Et continuavit visitationem suam ad diem† Lune primum mensis Aprilis inmediate sequentem.

They and their pretended vicars pronounced contumacious. The vicars to appear on 5 April to show cause why they should not be excommunicated.

Prestatio obedientie . . . . . titulorum.

1 April. Two more come in.

Die Lune primo mensis Aprilis predicto reverendo patre hora consueta in domo capitulari predicta pro tribunali sedente, comparuerunt coram eo Domini Willelmus de Newton, Willelmus de Hedon, dicte ecclesie ministri, suas contumacias purgantes et juramentum obedientie‡ prestiterunt et prestitit eorum quilibet eidem reverendo patri sub forma subscripta, ac litteras ordinum et titulum incumbentie sue quilibet eorum exhibuit tunc ibidem.

Eodem die Lune primo die Aprilis prefatus reverendus pater sedens pro tribunali, ut premittitur, supradictos dominos, canonicos, rebelles, videlicet Dominum Ricardum Ravenser et Johannem Wenlyngburgh, absentes, per suas certas litteras citatorias per edictum in valvis ecclesiarum Eboracensis et Beverlacensis mandavit citari, quatinus die xxij mensis Aprilis proximo futuro coram eo personaliter aut legitime compareant ad ostendendum litteras ordinum suorum et titulos incumbentie sue vel ad dicendum causam rationabilem quare non debeant in scriptis excommunicari. Et continuavit visitationem suam usque ad diem Martis inmediate sequentem.

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* Marginal note: Personaliter moniti fuerunt vicarii.

† Marginal note: Mandatum de citando peremptorie vicarios.

‡ Marginal note: Nota juramentum obedientie.

Citatio per edictum contra Ricardum Ravenser quare non debeat excommunicari ad xxij diem Aprilis.

Nos Alexander, permissione divina Eboracensis Archiepiscopus, Anglie Primas, et Apostolice Sedis Legatus, tenore presentium ad convincendum eorum malitiam peremptorie citamus, prout alias citavimus et fecimus citari, honorandos viros, Ricardum Ravenser et Johannem Wenlyngburgh canonicos prebendatos ecclesie nostre collegiate Beverlacensis se pretendentes, eorumque procuratorem seu procuratores, si qui sint aut si quis sit pro eisdem aut altero eorundem, quatinus compareant, seu compareat, coram nobis in domo capitulari dicte ecclesie Beverlacensis, xxij die mensis Aprilis proximo sequente ad ostendendum in visitatione nostra et exhibendum litteras ordinum suorum et titulos beneficiorum si quas, seu si quos, habeant, in virtute quarum aut quorum ordines exequantur, et canonicatus et prebendas in ecclesia Beverlacensi possideant, vel ad dicendum causam rationabilem quare non debeant, ipsorum enormi contumacia exigente, in scriptis excommunicari; Alioquin, ipsorum contumacia non obstante, contra ipsos et eorum quemlibet, prout justitia suadebit, procedemus. Hanc autem nostram citationem in valvis et portis ecclesiarum Eboracensis et Beverlacensis ad instar edictorum publicorum que olim in albo pretoris scribebantur, affigi jussimus et apponi, ut per ipsius inspectionem cunctis eam intuentibus et predictis citatis fieret manifesta. Loca autem ipsa ad publicandum citationem hujusmodi tanquam idonea elegimus, que quasi suo sonoro preconio citationem nostram hujusmodi publicabunt. Volumus autem quod citatio hujusmodi in valvis seu portis predictarum ecclesiarum posita et affixa prefatos dominos Ricardum et Johannem provide arceat et astringat ac si fuissent in propriis eorum personis citati et reperti.

In cujus rei testimonium presentes nostras litteras exinde fieri et nostri sigilli jussimus impressione muniri.

Datis apud Beverlacum primo die mensis Aprilis, anno Domini mccc° octogesimo primo, et nostre consecrationis septimo.*

(9) Die Martis ij die Aprilis prefato reverendo patre Archie-

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* Some illegible words interlined here.

piscopo pro tribunali in loco dicte visitationis solito sedente, comparentibus honorandis viris Johanne de Hastethorpe, Stephano de Ruda, Willelmo de Scardeburgh, Johanne de Colleston, ministris dicte ecclesie, et Roberto de Louthorpe, vicario, purgantibus contumacias suas jurando prefato reverendo patri in modum qui suprascribitur debitum obedientie juramentum prestiterunt. Demum eosdem dictus reverendus pater ab eorum contumacia absolvit et dimisit et suam visitationem ad diem Mercurii proximum sequentem et horam ac locum consueta continuavit.

Confessio Canonicorum Beverlacensium et admissio quod Archiepiscopus debet eos visitare, cum protestatione.

3 April. 2 Canons, Nicholas of Louth and Richard of Thorne, purge their contempt by appearing and acknowledging the Archbishop's right to visit.

Die proxima sequenti Mercurii, videlicet iij die mensis Apriles, coram prefato reverendo patre in loco suo solito tempore visitationis pro tribunali sedente, honorandi viri, Domini Nicholaus de Luda et Ricardus de Thorne, canonici dicte ecclesie Beverlencensis capitulariter congregati et Capitulum ut asserunt facientes, recognoverunt dominum Archiepiscopum esse eorum superiorem et libenter suam visitationem asseruerunt se suscipere velle, suam purgantes contumaciam comparuerunt et subierunt visitationem dicti domini et sibi prestiterunt obedientie solitum juramentum, et exhibuerunt litteras ordinum et titulos beneficiorum suorum in eadem ecclesia optentorum et penes registrum copias eorundem dimiserunt cum talibus protestationibus per ipsos factis premissis tam verbotenus quam in scriptis sub hac forma: Pater reverendissime recognoscimus vos superiorem nostrum et parati sumus subire visitationem vestram, et protestamur quod per hujusmodi comparationem nostram non intendimus prejudicare Capitulo istius ecclesie quoad alia, nec recedere ab appellationibus per ipsos interpositis. Ac quilibet eorum consimiliter protestatus fuit.

Form of obedience to.

Most reverend father, We acknowledge your supremacy and are ready to undergo visitation without prejudice to the Chapter, and without withdrawing from our appeal.

Eodem die et hora Robertus de Lekynfeld, Willelmus de Garton, Willelmus de Leveryngton, clerici et ministri dicte ecclesie, coram dicto domino personaliter comparuerunt et solitum prestiterunt obedientie juramentum ibidem.

Confessio Vicariorum quod Canonici fecerunt jurare de non obediendo Archiepiscopo.

The vicars in the chapter house, asked to swear obedience, drew aside and consulted, and said that they could not, as they had already sworn it to the chapter, who had warned them not to swear to any one else

Eodem die tertio Aprilis comparentibus vicariis predictis in domo capitulari prefata coram eodem reverendo patre, pro tribunali sedente, idem reverendus pater monuit ipsos vicarios quod subierint visitationem suam et eidem prestarent obedientiam, vel causam rationabilem dicerent quare premissa eis injuncta non debeant adimplere. Qui trahentes se ad partem deliberarunt, et statim redeuntes dixerunt, quod non voluerunt eidem reverendo patri obedientiam prestare, et tunc idem reverendus pater habens eos de inobedientia probabiliter suspectos monuit eos sibi jurare obedientiam. At illi dixerunt quod jurarunt obedientiam Capitulo, ideo noluerunt alii jurare, quia eis injunctum erat per Capitulum et canonicos dicte ecclesie, suos magistros, quod dicto reverendo patri obedientiam non jurarent, nec aliam facerent quamcumque. Et quod non facerent eidem reverendo patri obedientiam. Fecerunt eos tactis sacrosanctis evangeliis circa festum Sancti Michaelis proximum tunc preteritum corporaliter jurare. Et sic ab ejus presentia recesserunt. Et tunc idem reverendus pater mandavit dicto nuncio jurato quod citaret dictos vicarios et alios quoscumque quod compareant coram eo die Veneris quinto mensis Aprilis proximo venturo ad subeundum visitationem suam, vel ad dicendum causam quare non debeant in scriptis excommunicari. Et continuavit visitationem suam ad v diem Aprilis.

and had made them swear not to do it on the holy gospels, and then the vicars went away.

Adjourned to 5 April.

Relatio nuncii quod citavit Vicarios personaliter ad dicendum causam quare non debent excommunicari.

5 April. Apparitor says he has summoned the vicars,

(9d.)—Die Veneris quinto mensis Aprilis predicto reverendo patre hora sua consueta in domo capitulari predicta pro tribunali sedente et visitationem excercente, comparuit Johannes, nuncius suus juratus in judicio, dictos vicarios, videlicet, Ricardum Eleghton, Johannem Sprotley, Willelmum de Eleghton, Willelmum de Wakfeld, Robertum de Benyngholme, Johannem de Weton, Henricum de Beswyke, Johannem de Naffirton, personaliter apprehensos ad dicendum causam rationabilem quare non debeant excommunicari in scriptis ipsorum contumacia exigente. Die iij dicti mensis Aprilis retulit [michi notario] [interlined in another hand] se citasse. Quos quidem vicarios omnes et singulos per dictum nuncium juratum fecit dictus reverendus pater preconizari. Et statim idem nuncius retulit dicto reverendo patri pro tribunali sedente quod vicarii prefati recesserunt de ecclesia pro eo quod nolunt subire visitationem suam et sic dimitterent ecclesiam indeservitam.

but they had gone away and left the church unserved.

Quod audiens dictus reverendus pater volens potius misericordiam quam rigorem excercere, ipsos vicarios sic citatos ad supplicationem Dominorum Nicholai de Luda et Ricardi de Thorne, dicte ecclesie canonicorum expectavit (*sic*) usque ad diem vj dicti mensis Aprilis. Ad quem diem mandavit ipsos vicarios per nuncium suum juratum iterato citari personaliter, si personaliter apprehendi possent, alioquin in stallis in choro dicte ecclesie et in domo habitationis eorundem ex habundanti, ad dicendum causam rationabilem quare non debeant in scriptis excommunicari, eorum contumacia exigente. Et visitationem suam usque ad eundem diem vj die mensis Aprilis continuavit.

At request of the two canons he waited till 6 April and ordered them to be summoned in their stalls and in their old dining house.

Relatio nuncii quod Vicarii recesserunt in opprobrium domini. Item excommunicatio Vicariorum.

Die Sabbati vj mensis Aprilis predicto reverendo patri hora sua consueta in domo capitulari predicta [pro tribunali] sedente et visitationem suam excercente comparuit dictus nuncius juratus et retulit [michi notario publico] [interlined in a different hand] quod dictos vicarios cum diligentia in ecclesia et villa Beverlacensi quesivisse ad citandum eos, set per viros fidedignos dictum erat sibi quod dicti vicarii non essent in diocesi Eboracensi, set recesserunt de loco illo versus Londonias in obprobrium dicti reverendi patris ut ecclesia staret indeservita, et propterea (*sic*) retulit se citasse eosdem in stallis eorum in choro et in domo habitationis eorundem quemadmodum habuit in mandatis.

6 April. Apparitor says he could not find the vicars and heard that they had left the diocese and started for London to bring opprobrium on the reverend father by leaving the church unserved.

Quos quidem vicarios omnes et singulos idem reverendus pater reputavit contumaces, et in ipsos vicarios omnes et singulos et in eorum quemlibet sententiam excommunicationis tulit in hiis scriptis [written in another hand at bottom of folio and marked for insertion here] Nos, Alexander, etc., Dominos Robertum Benyngholme, Ricardum Elughton,

They are therefore excommunicated.

Willelmum Wakefeld, Johannem Weton, Johannem Sprotteley, Willelmum Elughton, Johannem Naffreton, et Henricum Besswyk, vicarios ecclesie nostre collegiate se pretendentes, citatos, preconizatos, diu expectatos, nullo modo comparentes, ipsorum contumacia et offensa precedentibus, excommunicavimus in hiis scriptis et mandavit ipsis etc. et mandavit ipsos excommunicatos publice denunciari. Et continuavit visitationem suam usque xxij diem dicti mensis Aprilis.

Tenor denunciationis talis est.

Direction to John of Scarborough to proclaim the excommunication of the vicars in Beverley Church during service.

Alexander, permissione, etc., dilicto filio Magistro Johanni de Scardeburgh, clerico nostro familiari, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem.

Quia Domini Ricardus de Eleghton, Johannes Sprottley, Willelmus de Eleghton, Willelmus de Wakfeld, Robertus de Benyngholme, Johannes de Weton, Henricus de Beswyk, Johannes de Naffirton, propter ipsorum contumacias, ad instantiam officii nostri, contractas in non comparendo mandatis nostris legitime eis factis, et non comparendo in visitatione nostra quam in dicto capitulo Beverlacensi fecimus legitime excerceri excommunicati existunt auctoritate nostra, justitia id poscente, tibi mandamus quatinus prefatos Dominos Ricardum, Johannem, Willelmum, Willelmum, Robertum, Johannem, Henricum et Johannem, sic excommunicatos fuisse et esse diebus solempnibus, quando major populi multitudo convenerit, ad divina in ecclesia Beverlacensi publice denuncies et facias nunciari. Valeas. Datis Beverlaci vj die mensis Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo ccc^{mo} octogesimo primo et nostre consecrationis septimo.

Publicatio de metu amovendo in ecclesia Eboracensi in Dominica Ramis Palmarum, et in ecclesia Lincolniensi.

8 April. Mr. Roger Pickering reports the publication of proclamation to remove fear.

(10.)—Die octava mensis Aprilis Magister Rogerus Pykeryng prefatus retulit michi notario publico infrascripto se dictam protestationem sive securitatem de metu amovendo die Ramis palmarum vij die mensis Aprilis infra missarum solempnia in ecclesia Eboracensi publicasse legisse et [in] volgari lingua exposuisse, et in valvis majoris ecclesie veram copiam ejusdem dimisisse in presentia Christi fidelium in multitudine copiosa, quemadmodum habuit in mandatis. Eodem die Magister Thomas Bucton prefatus retulit michi notario publico infrascripto se dictam protestationem sive securitatem die Ramispalmarum, septimo die Aprilis infra missarum solempnia et in processione solempni totius populi in ecclesia Beverlacensi* publicasse legisse et in lingua volgari exposuisse, veris corpiis (*sic*) ejusdem in valvis ecclesie dimissis, presentibus Magistro Ricardo Wynwyk, Canonico Lincolniensi, et Ricardo Conyngston, legum doctore, et aliis in multitudine copiosa, quemadmodum habuit in mandatis.

Qualiter Vicarii dimiserunt ecclesiam desolatam.

Same day. The Abp. came into the church at matins and seeing it would remain unserved, stricken by sorrow, caused service to be honourably done by his clerks, and sent for vicars from York, skilled in chant and psalm singing to fill the places of the absent canons and vicars who are warned to return by 22 April.

Eodem die octavo dicti mensis Aprilis idem reverendus pater intravit de mane chorum dicte ecclesie ad horas matutinales more suo solito, et videns ecclesiam fore indeservitam per absentiam canonicorum et vicariorum dicte ecclesie Beverlacensis, dolore cordis confossus per suos clericos fecit in eadem ecclesia in divinis laudabiliter deserviri, et postea infra tres dies vocavit de ecclesia sua Eboracensi vicarios in numero sufficientes, expertos in cantu et psallmodia, et in aliis ad divinum officium pertinentibus, quos deputavit in eadem ecclesia loco absentium ad serviendum in divinis, ita quod ecclesia propter malitiam absentium contra prelatum suum malignantium non staret indeservita, expectans dictos canonicos et vicarios rebelles, si vellent ad sancte matris ecclesie gremium redire et servire in ipsa ecclesia canonice prout tenebantur.

Et statim mandavit dominus dicto aparitori suo personaliter tunc presenti ad monendum omnes canonicos et vicarios dicte ecclesie quod citra xxij diem mensis Aprilis proximum futurum ad dictam ecclesiam redeant, et eidem ecclesie sub pena juris deserviant ut tenentur.

21 April. A sergeant at arms of the King presented royal letters or writs to the Abp. in his manor house at Beverley.

Die xxj mensis Aprilis quidam serviens armorum Regis, constitutus in presentia reverendi patris et domini, Domini Archiepiscopi predicti, in camera infra manerium suum Beverlacense, tenens in manibus suis quasdam litteras regias sive brev[i]a regia tradidit easdem prefato reverendo patri. Quas quidem litteras predictas reverendus pater mandavit per me notarium et hujusmodi actorem et ipsius scribam copiari et registrari.

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* *Lincolniensi* interlined in a different hand.

Breve regium.

The King's writ to the Abp.

Ricardus, Dei gratia Rex Anglie et Francie, et dominus Hibernie, venerabili in Christo patri, A., eadem gratia Archiepiscopo Eboracensi, Anglie Primati, Salutem.

A complaint has been made by the Canons and Vicars of Beverley that King Athelstan our ancestor had richly endowed Beverley, but now disputes having arisen between you and the canons, several of whom are our own clerks, diligently busied in our service, you with a large force of the secular power grievously oppress them and disregard their appeal to Rome, summoning and excommunicating them, and contemplate further and severer measures.

Circa negotia reformande concordie inter litigantes subditos nostros, pro tollendis scandalis injuriis et oppressionibus hujusmodi subditorum, si qui fiant, infra regnum nostrum, maxime in hiis que pacem in eodem regno turbare, bona seu thesaurum ipsius extrahere, vel exinanire poterunt, opponere volumus, ut debemus, effectualiter partes nostras, cupientes velut regis pacifici filius, ut inter nos et ligeos circumdatos undique duris guerris pacis a . . . . tas habundaret. Nuper namque nedum per querimoniam* canonicorum, vicariorum ceterorumque ministrorum ecclesie collegiate Beati Johannis Beverlacensis, ad quorum sustentationem ut per eos in ipsa ecclesia cultus divini nominis augeatur et pietatis opera exercerentur, Dominus Adelstanus, recolende memorie, Rex Anglie, progenitor noster, pietatis amicus, eidem ecclesie non modica bona et dotalitia concessit, dictumque collegium ibidem dotavit ac eidem immunitates, libertates et privilegia quamplura est largitus, et ex vehementi clamore populari ad nostrum pervenit auditum, quod, exortis noviter inter vos et canonicos, vicarios et ministros dicte ecclesie, quorum plures nostri sunt clerici familiares, nostris jugiter intendentes obsequiis, quibusdam dissentionibus et debatis, vos, aggregata vobis potentia seculari quorundam subditorum nostrorum vobis in ea parte assistentium, ipsis canonicis, vicariis et ministris infestationes et gravamina quamplurimum rigorosa absque processu legitimo et minus voluntarie, ut dicitur, intulistis, et quamvis a gravaminibus vestris premissis etiam provocationibus ad curiam Romanam defensa necessaria debite appellaverunt et appellationum suarum negotia prosequuntur, ut est juris, Vos tamen provocationibus et appellationibus suis hujusmodi postpositis et vilipensis, ac post et contra eas diversas prosecutiones et non modicos (10 d) processus magis rigidos per personales citationes ac per edictum et excommunicationum fulminationes, aliisque pluribus viis et modis terribilibus contra ipsos fecistis, et facere non desistis, ymo et ulteriora ac grav[i]ora commannu facere, minus rite, et aliter quam in casibus consimilibus fieri consuevit, aliquibus temporibus retroactis.

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* Marginal note :—Nota querelam factam Regi.

Nos advertentes quod dictum collegium de nostra et progenitorum nostrorum fundatione* existit, et quod si predicta materia litis, quia forte in Curia Romana reputaretur ardua, sic procederet, pax et tranquil[l]itas in regno nostro turbari, ecclesia predicta in suis facultatibus et juribus collabi et graviter pati, ac divinus cultus in ea minui, maximaque pecunia tam pro querela vestra quam pro parte dictorum canonicorum, vicariorum et ministrorum inde sustenendorum a regno nostro extrahi, aliaque mala scandala et discrimina exinde subsequi poterunt in futurum, quod nolumus sicuti nec debemus aliqualiter tollerare;

As the church is of our foundation, and an appeal to Rome would be difficult and take more money out of the kingdom,

Vobis igitur mandamus districtius quo poterimus et sub periculo quod incumbit injungendo, quod, executione quacumque cessante, in propria persona vestra sive per attornatos et consiliarios vestros sufficienter instructos sitis coram nobis et consilio nostro apud Westmonasterium in octabis Sancti Georgii proximo futuris. Ad quem diem mandamus predictis canonicis ibidem interesse, ut, auditis et rimatis dictis et responsionibus vestris hinc et inde, ulterius de avisamento consilii nostri fieri faciamus quod in hac parte fuerit expediens et consonum rationi; cuicumque processui contra prefatos canonicos, vicarios et ministros seu eorum aliquem per vos aut commissarios vestros inchoato vel inchoando interim pendenti, etiam dict onegotio coram nobis indeciso, supersedentes.

We command you to appear before us in the octave of S. George's day next at Westminster that we may hear and settle the case, staying all proceedings meanwhile.

Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium, xvj die Aprilis, anno regni Anglie quarto.

Relatio denunciationis et citationis contra Canonicos ad ostendendum privilegia et statuta.

Die xxij mensis Aprilis coram reverendo patre in loco visitationis suo solito, ipso pro tribunali sedente, Johannes,

22 April.
Evidence of the summons to show the statutes.

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* Marginal note:—Nota quod non est de fundatione Regis set de fundatione Beati Johannis, quondam Archiepiscopi Eboracensis, in qua quidem ecclesia corpus preciosissimi confessoris Sancti Johannis requiescit humatum, prout patet in antiquis registris et libris dicte ecclesie. Vide mandatum rigorosum regium. Quod quidem mandatum impetrantes sunt excommunicati a canone, qui, ut intelleximus, ext^{a} de imnu eccl̃i vj.

nuncius suus juratus, relationem faciens in scriptis de executione denunciationis facte contra infrascriptos vicarios ecclesie predicte Beverlacensis, et etiam retulit personaliter se citasse ad istum terminum Dominum Robertum Chesterfeld, Nicholaum de Luda et Ricardum de Thorne, canonicos dicte ecclesie Beverlacensis, in loco habitationis eorundem alios vero canonicos, quia eos invenire non potuit, in stallis eorum in choro primo die Aprilis proximo preterito retulit se citasse ad ostendendum statuta et ordinationes ecclesie predicte Beverlacensis quibus se volunt juvare quemadmodum habuit in mandatis.

Certificatorium denunciationis excommunicationis Vicariorum.

Certificate of proclamation of the excommunication of the vicars

Reverendo in Christo patri ac domino, Domino Alexandro, Archiepiscopo, etc., suus humilis et devotus servitor Johannes Scardeburgh, Rector ecclesie parochialis de Foxholes, obedientiam reverentiam et honorem.

Mandatum vestrum recepi in hec verba:

Alexander, permissione, etc., dilecto filio, Magistro Johanni de Scardeburgh, clerico nostro familiari, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem.

Quia Domini Ricardus de Eleghton, Johannes de Sprottley, Willelmus de Eleghton, Willelmus de Wakfeld, Robertus de Benyngholme, Johannes de Weton, Henricus de Beswyke, Johannes de Naffirton, propter ipsorum contumacias ad instantiam of[f]icii nostri contractas, in non comparendo mandatis nostris (etc., as on p. 240).

Cujus auctoritate mandati predictos vicarios excommunicatos fore et esse in ecclesia Beverlacensi et in cimiterio ejusdem die Ramispalmarum, videlicet vij mensis Aprilis, coram omni populo ibidem circa missarum solempnia ad divina officia congregato, palam et publice, denunciavi.

on Palm Sunday, 7 April.

Et sic mandatum vestrum hujusmodi cum reverentia et sollicitudine quibus decuit sum executus.

In cujus rei testimonium presentes fieri feci litteras et sigillo Decani Christianitatis Beverlacensis procuravi sigillari. Et nos Decanus predictus ad rogatum dicti Johannis et quia nobis de hujusmodi executione plenius constat, nostrum presentibus sigillum duximus apponendum.

Datis et actis apud Beverlacum septimo die mensis Aprilis anno Domini millesimo ccc^{mo} octogesimo primo.

(11). Eadem die xxij dicti mensis Aprilis retulit michi Notario infrascripto, prefato domino pro tribunali sedente, dictus aparitor juratus, quod non potuit apprehendere aliquos canonicos sive vicarios dicte ecclesie preter dominos Canonicos Ricardum Thorne, Ricardum Chesterfeld et Nicholaum de Luda, canonicos dicte ecclesie, quos monuit ad deserviendum eidem ecclesie in divinis prout tenebantur, et sicut habuit in mandatis.

Eadem die et hora, xxij Aprilis, coram prefato reverendo patre Johannes nuncius suus juratus antedictus, portans in manibus suis citationem infrascriptam retulit michi etc. se dictam citationem juxta ejus continentiam, videlicet in portis seu valvis ecclesiarum Eboracensis et Beverlacensis congruis horis, videlicet infra missarum solempnia, coram Christi fidelium multitudine copiosa in die festo Ramispalmarum, videlicet vij Aprilis, in ecclesia Beverlacensi, et die Lune proxima post festum Pasche, videlicet xv dicti mensis, in ecclesia Eboracensi realiter et cum effectu executum fuisse et esse, cujus tenor sequitur in hec verba.

Nos Alexander, permissione, etc., tenore presentium peremptorie ad convincendum eorum malitiam citamus prout alias sepius citavimus [etc. as on p. 236].

Qualiter R. Chesterfeld subiit visitationem cum protestatione.

Eadem xxij die et hora coram prefato reverendo patre in loco supra notato, honorandi viri, Dominus Ricardus de Thorne, Ricardus Chesterfeld et Nicholaus de Luda, canonici dicti ecclesie Beverlacensis, Capitulum facientes ut dixerunt, personaliter comparuerunt respondentes se non esse deliberatos aliquid producere, et petiverunt prorogari terminum in crastinum ad producendum ut supra. Cui petitioni annuit et consensit demum pro eodem quasi instanti. Dictus Ricardus Chesterfeld litteras suorum ordinum et titulum incumbentie sue exhibuit et penes Registrum dimisit, et debitam obedientiam dicto domino Archiepiscopo more solito juravit et produxit quandam protestationem in scriptis per omnia in hec verba:—

Richard of Chesterfield asks till next day to produce documents.

In nomine Domini Amen. Ego Ricardus de Chesterfeld, canonicus et prebendarius in ecclesia collegiata Sancti Johannis Beverlacensis, coram vobis reverendissimo in Christo patre et domino, Domino Alexandro [etc.], et aliis nobilibus et fidedignis personis hic existentibus, compareo et comparere

Oath of obedience with protestation that he appears, reserving all complaints and appeals on the grievances of the Chapter and every member of it.

me velle protestor et juri parere, quatenus teneor, salvis semper in omnibus et singulis jure et jurisdictione Capituli, consuetudinibus approbatis, et etiam singularium personarum ejusdem, ac salvis in omnibus et per omnia provocationibus et appellationibus et adhesionibus factis super et de diversis gravaminibus Capitulo et singularibus personis ejusdem ac aliis ministris ecclesie in speciali vel in communi illatis.

Monitio Canonicorum ad respondendum vel faciendum ecclesiam deserviri.

The three canons present warned to keep canonical residence or cause the church to be properly served so that the church should not be defrauded of divine service by their absence,

Eadem die et hora sub penis juris monuit prefatus reverendus pater predictos dominos canonicos, videlicet, Ricardum Thorne, Ricardum Chesterfeld et Nicholaum de Luda, tunc ibidem presentes, capitulariter congregatos et Capitulum facientes, ut premittitur, ad faciendam canonicam in dicta ecclesia Beverlacensi, prout tenentur, residentiam, vel, prout tenentur, faciant laudabiliter deserviri, ut predicta occlesia suis debitis officiis divinis per ipsorum absentiam non defraudetur.

and the absent canons similarly warned.

(11 d). Eadem die et quasi hora eadem prefatus reverendus pater predictos dominos ceteros canonicos ac ministros predicte ecclesie Beverlacensis absentes moneri fecit et citari in scriptis sub consimilibus penis ad faciendam, prout tenentur, canonicam residentiam in ecclesia supradicta vel laudabiliter facerent deserviri. Cujus tenor sequitur in hec verba.

Monitio facta contra Canonicos quod faciant deservire ecclesie, laudabiliter in divinis.

The warning.

Alexander, permissione divina Eboracensis Archiepiscopus, etc., dilecto filio nostro, Decano Beverlacensi, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem.

Cum nuper ecclesiam nostram Beverlacensem jure nostro ordinario personaliter visitantes comperimus eandem ecclesiam propter absentiam canonicorum, vicariorum et aliorum ministrorum ipsius ecclesie, qui nimis voluntarie et absque causa legitima se absentarunt ab eadem, contra ejusdem ecclesie fundationem et ordinationem in divinis obsequiis, nullatenus fuisse vel esse debite, prout eandem ecclesiam decuit et decet, officiatam, set divinis officiis debitis injuste defraudatam, volentesque propterea in hac parte pro oportuno remedio providere, omnes et singulos canonicos et alios beneficiatos ejusdem ecclesie debite ex causa premissa requiri et moneri mandaverimus quatinus ad ecclesiam ipsam redeuntes eidem ecclesie ratione prebendarum et aliorum beneficiorum suorum in eadem in divinis studerent, prout tenentur, debite deservire. Set quia iidem canonici beneficiati se indebite subtrahentes per hujusmodi requisitionem et monitionem nostras personaliter minime poterant apprehendi, prout nobis in forma juris fuit debite certificatum,

Quocirca nos, Alexander, Archiepiscopus supradictus, premissa, sic in divini cultus diminutionem et sui immunis offensam notorie tendentia absque correctionis debite remedio, sub dissimulationis silentio pertransire non volentes, Vobis in virtute sancte obedientie firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus auctoritate nostra moneatis et peremptorie requiratis omnes et singulos canonicos et beneficiatos is ecclesia nostra Beverlacensi predicta, si ipsos personaliter apprehendere et invenire poteritis, alioquin per publicum monitionis et requisitionis hujusmodi edictum in ecclesia predicta Beverlacensi ac stallis et prebendis ac beneficiis suis et aliis locis publicis quibus expedire videritis publice propositum et affixum, factis eciam proclamatione publica et solempni ac denunciatione notis et amicis eorundem et cujuslibet ipsorum; ita quod monitio et requisitio predicte ad eorum et cujuslibet eorundem notitiam valeant verisimiliter devenire; Quos etiam nos tenore presentium requirimus et monemus quatinus infra quindecim dierum spatium a tempore requisitionis et monitionis hujusmodi sic ut premittitur factarum, ad ipsam ecclesiam Beverlacensem reddeant ac in eadem debite resideant eidemque ecclesie in divinis obsequiis et aliis ea concernentibus deserviant, ut tenentur, vel faciant, ut convenit, laudabiliter deserviri. Predicentes et denunciantes eis et eorum cuilibet, quibus etiam tenore presentium predicimus et denunciamus, quod si monitionibus et requisitionibus hujusmodi nostris nos paruerint cum effectu, Nos, ipsorum contumacia et rebellione non obstantibus, quatinus de jure poterimus, procedemus in premissis. Et nos de die receptionis presentium et citationis inde facte debite certificetis per vestras patentes litteras, harum seriem contineutes. Valete.

Datis apud Beverlacum xxij die mensis Aprilis, anno

Domini millesimo ccc^{mo} octogesimo primo, et nostre consecrationis septimo.

Excommunicatio Ricardi Ravenser et J. de Went [*elingburgh*].*

Same day the Archbishop, sitting on the judgment seat, having summoned Richard of Ravenser and John of Wellingborough, and waited for them long, pronounced them contumacious and gave sentence of excommunication.

(b) Eadem die et quasi hora eadem, predicto reverendo patre pro tribunali sedente in loco suo solito, preconizati fuerunt per nuncium suum juratum Domini Ricardi de Ravenser et Johannes Wellyngburgh, canonici pretensi dicte ecclesie Beverlacensis, quos sic preconizatos, legitime citatos ac sufficienter expectatos et diu, hujusmodi satisfacere non curantes, set in omnibus et per omnia mandata domini spernentes et contempnentes, predictus dominus prout merito erant et sunt reputavit contumaces, et propter eorum hujusmodi rebellionem et contumaciam manifestam in ipsos et ipsorum quemlibet sententiam tulit excommunicationis in hiis scriptis.† Mandavit eos et eorum quemlibet sic excommunicatos publice denunciari donec absolutionis beneficium meruerint optinere. Et visitationem suam utque xxiij diem mensis continuavit.

Visitation adjourned to 23rd.

The three canons present confess that no canon keeps his residence according to the statutes, but Chesterfield and Snaith keep better residence than the rest.

Eadem die honorandi viri, Ricardus de Chesterfeld, Ricardus de Thorne, et Nicholaus de Luda, canonici predicti, fatebantur, et quilibet eorum fatebatur pro se expresse, quod nullus canonicus ecclesie debitam fecit residentiam seu interessentiam in divinis nec facere solebat, ‡ secundum quod statuta, consuetudines et ordinationes ecclesie Beverlacensis predicte exigunt et requirunt, Bene tamen fatebantur quod Domini Ricardus de Chesterfeld et Henricus de Snayth magis debite fecerunt residentiam quam aliquis alius canonicus ipsius ecclesie Beverlacensis.

Nos autem dominos Ricardum R. et Johannem W. ecclesie Beverlacensis canonicos pretensos, citatos, preconizatos, diu expectatos, non comparentes, ipsorum contumacia et offensa precedentibus, excommunicavimus in hiis scriptis.

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* Marginal note: Memorandum quod actus subsequens [on p. 249] debet his preferri.

† Marginal note: Inseratur tenor excommunicationis de verbo ad verbum.

‡ Marginal note: Nota, Confessi Canonici quod non fecerunt debitam residentiam.

Tenor mandati denunciationis.

(12) Alexander, permissione divina etc., dilecto nobis filio, Decano Christianitatis Beverlacensis, Salutem gratiam et benedictionem.

1381.
22 April.
Archbishop to Dean of Beverley. Notice of excommunication of the sons of disobedience, Ravenser and Wellingborough.

Quia inobedientie filios, Dominos Ricardum Ravenser et Johannem Wellyngburgh, ecclesie Beverlacensis canonicos pretensos, propter eorum multiplicatas contumacias, prout ex actis nostri processus apparet, excommunicavimus in scriptis, Idcirco vobis in virtute sancte obedientie tenore presentium committimus et mandamus quatinus ipsos canonicos et ipsorum quemlibet sic excommunicatos in ecclesia Beverlacensi inter missarum solempnia coram Christi fidelium multitudine publice denuncietis, tam diu donec ad gremium sancte matris ecclesie redierint et alias meruerint beneficium absolutionis optinere; certificantes nos de vestra executione hujusmodi nostri mandati per litteras vestras patentes, aut publicum instrumentum, aut per nuncium nostrum juratum.

Datis Beverlaci xxij die mensis Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo ccclxxxj° et consecrationis septimo.

Producta per Canonicos.

23 April.
The canons present produce certain ordinances and letters in parchment sealed. Asked if they had any more on which they intended to rely against the Archbishop's jurisdiction, said, Yes. Are warned to produce them by the 24th, to which day visitation was adjourned.

Die Martis xxiij dicti mensis, prefatus reverendus pater (*sic*), in loco suo solito pro tribunali sedens, honorandi viri, Domini Ricardus Thorne, Ricardus Chesterfeld et Nicholaus de Luda, canonici dicte ecclesie Beverlacensis, personaliter comparuerunt ad satisfaciendum termino et quasdam ordinationes et litteras sigillatas in pergameno produxerunt, demum moniti et interrogati an plures haberent scripturas hujusmodi quibus se vellent contra jurisdictionem domini in judicio juvare, responderunt, quod sic, et tunc pro eodem instanti dictus dominus monuit eos, sub pena non ulterius admissionis, ad aliqua ulteriora producenda, et statuit ipsis terminum peremptorium, videlicet xxiiij diem dicti mensis, ad producendum omnia et singula quibus se vellent contra dominum, et ejus jurisdictionem se juvare. Et visitationem suam usque ad xxiiij dicti mensis continuavit.

Tenor litterarum predictarum talis est.

The order of the Service of the

Quoniam de ministratione refectorii propter incuriam et

Bedern, settled by the Archbishop, provost, and canons to prevent the disputes arising from the carelessness and negligence of the servants in the service of the refectory.

negligenciam ministrorum sepe inter Prepositum et canonicos querela oriebatur, placuit Archiepiscopo et Preposito et ipsis canonicis personaliter congregatis ut ordo sessionis et ministratio procurationis, que minus antea videbatur ordinata, taliter deinceps inperpetuum ordinetur; ita tamen ne presenti institutione prisca canonicorum dignitas in aliquo . . . minueretur, set salva in omnibus eorum consuetudine licentia et potestate, auctoritas eorum per omnia intus et extra inconcussa permaneat.

Each canon to sit round the provost where his predecessor sat. The like to prevail among the canons' vicars.

Erit itaque inter ipsos in refectorio ordo sessionis secundum ordinem successionis, scilicet ut circa prepositum ibi sit sedes canonici ubi fuit locus antecessoris sui. Similiter et inter vicarios eorum, ibi erit locus successoris ubi fuit sedes sui predecessoris.

On Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, without a feast four general courses at dinner: the first, pork or beef according to the season, not without beans, peas, or cabbage. The second, fresh mutton or pork. The third, chicken or goose or game. The fourth, some soft food, either mortrew, brawn, or rissoles. In the evening two courses of meat, one boiled the other roast; and for want of meat, cheese, eggs; or even fish.

Diebus ferialibus a[b]sque festo, hoc est ij^a iij^a et v^a feria, si tempus carnis fuerit quatuor generalia fercula habebunt ad prandium honesta tam qualitate quam quantitate. De hiis primum erit, secundum quod tempus postulaverit, vel porcina vel vaccina, et illud non sine legumine vel fabis vel pisis vel caulinis, et hoc tempore oportuno. Secundum vel recens ovina vel recens porcina. Tercium vel gallina vel auca vel aliquid aucupii vel venationis. Quartum aliquod genus mollis cibi vel de mortariolis vel de traunell, vel de russolis vel aliquod hujusmodi quod conveniens et honestum. Ad vesperam duo plenaria fercula carnis, unum elexum, altrum assatum. Quod si caro reperiri non poterit unum carnis altrum vel casei vel ovorum vel etiam piscis.

On Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday at tierce first course, vegetables, then three kinds of fish, or for lack of flesh something else gentlemanly and proper. At supper, two dishes of fish. And if it is Rogation days or a vigil or mortrew.

Quarta vero et sexta feria et Sabbato ad tertiam primum aliquod leguminis, deinde tria generalia piscis, quod si piscis non poterit inveniri, suppleatur aliquo honesto et convenienti. Ad vesperam duo plenaria piscis, vel si necessitas fuerit aliqua que honesta sunt et convenientia. Quod si in hiis tribus diebus Quatuor Tempora occurrerint vel aliqua vigilia, vel alio modo dies jejunii fuerit quintum ferculum propter jejunium addetur.

Dominicis vero diebus et festis communibus, vel trium lectionum, sicut est a Pascha usque Pentecosten, vel ix lectionum ad tertiam quartum addetur ferculum, quod sit mollis cibi sicut supradictum est. Si autem quarta vel vj^a feria vel Sabbato hujusmodi festum evenerit similiter hujusmodi [v^{tum}] addetur ferculum. Que fercula tam carnis quam piscis secundum quod debent vel piperato vel cuminato vel aliquo sapido condiantur condimento.

In majoribus vero festis quando Invitatorium a quatuor cantatur et responsorium (12 d) a binis et trinis, sicut ipsum festum celebratius agitur quam communia festa, ita in ipso festo et prandium et cena plenius solito suppleantur.

On greater feasts when the Invitatory is sung by four and the responses by three.

Sane quatuor diebus, Natalis Domini, et die Circumcisionis et Epiphanie, et Purificationis Beate Marie, et iiij^{or} diebus Pasche, et die Ascensionis et iiij^{or} diebus Pentecosten, die festi Sancti Johannis in Maio, et die Sancti Johannis Baptiste, et die Apostolorum Petri et Pauli, et die Assumptionis Beate Marie, et solempnitate Omnium Sanctorum, sicut isti dies festivius et solempnius in ecclesia celebrantur ita in refectorio festivius honorabuntur, videlicet in seminellis vel vastellis et variis intermissis.

Hoc modo ministrabitur in refectorio [per totum annum], excepto Adventu Domini et Quadragesima, in quibus et pro continuatione jejunii, et pro augmento servitii augebitur ministratio refectorii, sicut est in pultibus et diversis pietatibus, quemadmodum pro oportunitate temporis haberi poterit.

Erit vero eadem qualitas et quantitas panis et cervisie et numerus ferculorum canonicis et vicariis, excepto quod ipsi canonici singulariter et soli prandebunt et cenabunt, Vicarii vero bini et bini.

Quod si canonicus in refectorio non fuerit, ubicumque sit, plenarie corrodium habebit. Similiter et vicarius si, interveniente aliqua necessaria causa vel honesta, defuerit, et que tamen causa vel ad ecclesiam vel ad canonicum pertineat, habebit plene corrodium suum. Si vero canonicus vel vicarius minutus fuerit convenienter eis et de pane [et] de cervisia et de coquina [secundum personam suam ter in die serviatur. Habebit etiam ad matutinas et cervisiam, et de coquina], unum ferculum vel carnis vel piscis secundum quod diei qualitas in se habuerit. Ad tertiam et vesperam sicut alio tempore constitutum est. Si autem infirmus fuerit, nichil omnino ei de corrodio suo subtrahatur. Quia vero procuratio omnis domus per ministrorum diligentiam melioratur et per eorum nequitiam pejoratur, eligat Prepositus honestos et diligentes ministros [et] eos assensu canonicorum in ministris preficiat. Quia si in ministerio quocumque negligentes fuerint et conventi, et castigati, incorrigibiles extiterint, communi consilio, amoveantur, [et] pro eis meliores substituantur.

Placuit etiam de vij^{tem} pauperibus qui [pro] vij canonicis in refectorio suo corrodium suum habent in elemosina, ut ad tertiam duo fercula habeant et unum ad vesperam, et ut unusquisque canonicus sciat quis de illis septem ad se pertineat. Qui pauper cum obierit, ne ipse canonicus, ad quem pauper pertinere videbatur, aliquid precipitanter vel usurpanter de altro substituendo moliatur, placuit ut prius communi consideratione Prepositi et Canonicorum alter substituatur et tum demum elemosinarius ipsius canonici reputetur. Placuit etiam, ut si quis clericus, honeste se habens et ecclesiam frequentans, aliunde victum plene non habuerit, ad meliorandum servitium in ecclesia ipse in loco pauperis suscipiatur. Quicquid autem de corrodio canonicorum dictum est, vel in refectorio vel extra, vel in minutione vel infirmitate, hoc idem per omnia servitur Custodi Ecclesie et Magistro Scolarum, excepto quod ipsi non singulariter comedent.

De quantitate vero panis et mensura cervisie, que communi dispositione majoranda sunt vel melioranda nec inter eos de pondere convenerit et mensura, ideo hic tacitum est.

Sunt autem quibus hac constitutione serviendum est viij° Canonici, Custos Ecclesie, et Magister Scolarum, octo canonicorum vicarii et vicarius Episcopi, cujus positio et merces non ad Archiepiscopum set ad Canonicos communiter spectat, Prepositus Archiepiscopi. Numero viginti sunt. Et alii quibus, et si non adeo plene, tamen ex debito, serviendum est, et bene, clericus custodis, tintinabulorum pulsator, et Magister Operis etc.

*Ordinatio Willelmi de Grenfeld, nuper Archiepiscopi Eboracensis, infra revocatam (sic).**

Statuta † *per Capitulum facta.*

(13.) Ordinatum est quod decetero non fiant alienationes Reddituum tenementorum vel terrarum, vel domorum quarumcunque ad quamcunque prebendam spectantium, sine speciali tractatu super hoc habito in solempni convocatione qui super hujusmodi alienatione fuerit de jure requirendus.

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* This ordinance of 1307, 17 April, confirmed by the Chapter of Beverley on 19 May, has been printed from the Chapter Act Book in Vol. I., pp. 192-4.

† The statutes here produced were extracts from the Acts of various Convocations of Canons. The first was made in Convocation of 130$\frac{4}{5}$, 5 Feb., Vol. I., p. 49. The second, third, and fourth were passed in Convocation of 1308, 11 July, Vol. I., pp. 220-1. The five next were passed in Convocation of 1309, 2 July, Vol. I., pp. 241-2.

Item ordinatum est quod nullus canonicus, vicarius vel clericus ingrediatur [etc. as on I., 220, to psalmi].

Item ordinatum est quando canonici fuerint presentes et voluerint matutinis vel vesperis interesse a quinta pulsatione non cessetur donec intraverint chorum.

(13 d) Item quod quicunque canonicus pro negotio ecclesie absens fuerit sumptibus suis residens censeatur.

Item statutum est quod canonici residentes in festis ix lectionum vesperis, matutinis et misse, in festis duplicibus, vesperis, prime et misse intersint, et quod nulla hora canonica incipiatur donec chorum ingressi fuerint.

Item ordinatum est quod canonici residentes habeant ignem [p. 241 to prestandi] ; Et quod non habeant in aulis suis ignem alio tempore sub pena predicta.

Item canonicus canonicum suum [I., p. 241 to vini] Capitulo prestandi memorato.

Item ordinatum est quod canonicus resignans [I., p. 242, stops at deberet].

Item in processione inter canonicos [I., p. 242, down to ordinem stallorum].

Item * ordinatum est quod canonicus domos prebende sue in statu in quo eas invenit sustineat, et quod ad reparationem defectuum earumdem domorum post mortem non teneatur, nisi, ad illos defectus qui provenerint suo tempore ; hoc excepto quod si quam pecuniam pro domibus emendandis a predecessore suo acceperit, et illam in ipsis domibus reparandis non reposuerit, de illa pecunia suo successori pro dictis domibus reparandis per visum Capituli respondere tenentur (*sic*).

A canon is bound to keep his prebendal house in the state in which he found it, but is not bound to repair it after his death, except for defects occurring during his life. Money received for repairs from the predecessor must be accounted for to the successor.

Item, ordinatum † est quod quilibet canonicus residens equaliter solvat portionem suam ad expensas factas circa negotia ecclesie, ut ad salarium Auditoris Capituli, clerico ejusdem, Procuratori Capituli in Curia Romana, Procuratori Capituli in Curia Eboracensi, attornato Capituli in Banco Regis, et ad alias expensas pro defensione juris et libertatis ecclesie communiter facienda. Et quod super hujusmodi expensis singulis annis fiat computatio in festo Ascensionis Domini, vel Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste, coram

Every residentiary canon bound to contribute equally to salaries of auditor, proctor at Rome and at York, attorney in King's Bench, and the like.

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* This was passed in Convocation of Canons, 1311, 25 April, Vol. I., p. 288. This version corrects an odd mistake in the former one of nec for nisi.

† Passed in Convocation of Canons, 1315, 26 June, Vol. I., p. 334.

canonicis vel eorum procuratore. Et de hujusmodi expensis Camerario per eosdem plenarie satisfiat.

The incense-bearers to dine in turns with the residentiary canons when in course.

Item statutum* est quod turribularii tempore vicis sue comedant alternatim cum canonicis residentibus.

Bull of Pope Adrian IV.

1154.

1 March. Bull of Pope Adrian, at the instance of Roger Archbishop of York, taking the church of St. John of Beverley and its possessions in the East Riding or elsewhere under the protection of S. Peter and the Pope.

Adrianus, servus servorum Dei, dilectis filiis Canonicis et universo Capitulo Ecclesie S. Johannis Beverlacensis eorumque canonice substituendis, Salutem.

Officii nostri nos amonet et invitat auctoritas pro ecclesiarum statu satagere, et earum quieti ac tranquillitati salubriter, auxiliante Domino, providere. Dignum namque et honesti conveniens esse dinoscitur, ut qui ad ecclesiarum regimen, Domino disponente, assumpti sumus, eos et a pravorum hominum nequitia tueamur, et B. Petri et Sedis Apostolice patrocinio muniamus.

Ea propter, dilecti in Domino filii, venerabilis fratris nostri Rogeri Eboracensis Archiepiscopi precibus inclinati, ad exemplar predecessoris nostri felicis memorie Pape Honorii, prefatam ecclesiam S. Johannis sub Beati Petri et nostra protectione suscipimus et presentis scripti patrocinio communimus, Statuentes ut bona et possessiones cum redditibus que juste et canonice possidetis in Austriding, in travis et denariis et aliis ecclesiasticis beneficiis, vel in futurum, donante Deo, juste atque canonice poteritis adipisci, firma vobis vestrisque successoribus et illibata permaneant.

Confirms also the peace of S. John for a league from the door of the church in every direction so that every criminal who gets within it before he is taken shall have safety of life and limb, and every one coming and returning from the church especially on Ascension Day, the days of St. John of Beverley's death and translation, or S. John the Baptist's day,

Statuimus etiam pacem Sancti Johannis, sicut antiquitus extitisse cognoscitur, ab hostio ecclesie ipsius circumquaque per spacium unius leuge, ut quicumque, cujuscumque flagitii reus, infra ipsam leugam, antequam comprehendentur (*sic*), poterit pervenire, vite securitatem et membrorum indemnitatem permittatur habere. Venientibus ad Ecclesiam Sancti Johannis vel redeuntibus ibique morantibus pacem firmam et inviolatam, juxta antiquam consuetudinem, servare precipimus, maxime in die Ascencionis, et in festo depositionis Sancti Johannis, et in festo translationis ipsius, et in Nativitate Sancti Johannis Baptiste, quamdiu feria ejus durabit, ipsamque carucatam Sancti Johannis, que per leugam distinguitur, juxta antiquam consuetudinem, liberam imperpetuum et quietam ab omni exactione precipimus. Ita ut (fo. 14) nullus in ea aliquam exigat consuetudinem preter Archiepiscopum et ejusdem loci canonicos.

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* Passed in Convocation of Canons, 1311, 25 April, Vol. I., p. 259.

and as long as the fair lasts, and the whole carucate of S. John is free from all exactions, so that no customs may be heard except by the Archbishop or the Canons,

Si qua igitur infuturum ecclesiastica secularisve persona hanc nostre constitutionis paginam sciens contra eam temere venire temptaverit, secundo tertiove comminata nisi presumptionem suam digna satisfactione correxerit, potestatis honorisque sui dignitate careat, reamque se divino judicio existere de perpetrata iniquitate cognoscat, et a sanctissimo corpore ac sanguine Dei et Domini Redemptoris nostri Jesu Christi aliena fiat, atque in extremo examine districte ultioni subjaceat. Cunctis autem eidem loco sua jura servantibus sit pax Domini nostri Jesu Cristi, quatenus et hic fructum bone actionis percipiant, et apud districtum judicem premia eterne pacis inveniant. Amen.

Curses on those impugning.

Blessings on those keeping this Bull.

Ego, Guido, Presbiter Cardinalis titulo Sancti Chrysogoni; Ego Adrianus, Catholice Sedis Episcopus; Ego Hubaldus, Presbiter Cardinalis, titulo Sancte Praxedis; Ego Innarus Tusculensis Episcopus; Ego Manfredus, Presbiter Cardinalis, titulo Sancte Susanne; Ego Gregorius, Sabinensis Episcopus; Ego Auburtus, Presbiter Cardinalis, titulo Sancte Anastasie; Ego Guido, Diaconus Cardinalis Sancte Marie in Pog'; Ego Julius, Presbiter Cardinalis, titulo Sancti Marcelli; Ego Johannes, Diaconus Cardinalis, titulo Sanctorum Sergii et Bacchi; Ego Guido, Presbiter Cardinalis, titulo Sancte Potentiane; Ego Girardus, Diaconus Cardinalis S. Marie in via lata; Ego Allud, Presbiter Cardinalis, titulo Sancte Prisce; Ego Oddo, Diaconus Cardinalis Sancti Nicholai in Tulliano Carcere; Ego (*omission*) Presbiter Cardinalis, titulo Sanctorum Martini et Silvestri; Ego Henricus, Presbiter Cardinalis, titulo Sanctorum Nerei et Achillei.

Datis Rome apud Sanctum Petrum per manum Rolandi, Sancte Romane Ecclesie Presbiteri Cardinalis et Cancellarii, Kalendis Martii, indictione tertia, incarnationis dominice anno millesimo centesimo liiij; pontificatus vero domini Adriani Pape quarti anno primo.

Bull of Pope Gregory.

Gregorius Episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilectis filiis, Capitulo Beverlacensi, Salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Cum a nobis petitur quod justum est et honestum, tam vigor

19 May. Bull of Pope Gregory. Bull made at request of Chapter of

Beverley, taking them and their church, and its possessions, especially the tenths given by a king of England, commonly called thraves, under the protection of S. Peter and the Pope.

equitatis quam ordo exigit rationis, ut id per sollicitudinem officii nostri ad debitum perducatur effectum, Eapropter, dilecti in Domino filii, vestris justis postulationibus grato concurrentes assensu personas et ecclesiam vestram, in qua divino estis obsequio mancipati, cum omnibus bonis que in presenciarum rationabiliter possidetis, aut infuturum justis modis, prestante Domino, poteritis adipsci, sub Beati Petri et nostri protectione suscipimus, specialiter autem libertates et immunitates a clare memorie Rege Anglorum, decimas et que trave vlgariter (*sic*) appellantur, a venerabili fratre nostro Eboracensi Archiepiscopo, Capituli sui ac consensu, eidem ecclesie pia liberalitate concessas, prout in litteris exinde confectis dicitur contineri; necnon possessiones redditus et alia bona vestra, sicut ea omnia juste et pacifice possidetis vobis et per vos, ipsi Ecclesie auctoritate Apostolica confirmamus, et presentis scripti patrocinio communimus. Nulli igitur omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostre protectionis et confirmationis infringere, vel ei ausu temerario contraire; si quis autem hoc attemptare presumpserit, indignationem Omnipotentis, et Beatorum Petri et Pauli Apostolorum ejus se noverit incursurum.

Datis Lateran' xiiij Kalendas Junii pontificatus nostri anno primo.

Atque in concessione Archiepiscopi facta Ecclesie Beverlacensi* requiritur consensus Ecclesie Eboracensis Capituli, et sic patet quod non nocet Archiepiscopo qui est Canonicus Ecclesie Beverlacensis, quando percipiet cotidianas distributiones, non obstante quod quidam Archiepiscopus sine consensu Capituli Eboracensis concessit viij° Canonico omnia emolumenta et distributiones, nichil sibi reservando ut supra patet in productis.

Bull of Pope Alexander.

Alexander Episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilectis filiis Canonicis S. Johannis Beverlacensis Ecclesie, Salutem et Apostolicam benedictionem.

Justis petentium desideriis dignum est nos facilem prebere consensum, et vota que a rationis tramite non discordant effectu sunt sequente complenda, Eapropter, dilecti in Domino filii, vestris justis postulationibus grato concurrentes assensu, travas, quas, secundum antiquam consuetudinem et constitutionem ecclesie vestre rationabiliter possidetis, vobis et eidem ecclesie auctoritate Apostolica confirmamus et presentis scripti patrocinio communimus. Statuentes ut nulli [etc. as in the last bull].

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* Marginal note to Gregory's Bull.

Datis Anagnie xvj kalendas Martii.

1381.
24 April.
The three Canons offered to keep the time for production of documents and with one voice and great insistence besought the reverend father in reverence to the King's command to harass them no longer while the question of the visitation was still undecided in the King's court. To which he answered: Brethren and friends, this matter of the visitation, correction, and the matters on which we insist are purely spiritual, and not triable before a secular judge, and all who have helped in procuring the royal letter or hindered us in the visitation, are *ipso facto* under the greater excommunication. We shall proceed to do justice notwithstanding the king's letter.

Die xxiiij dicti mensis Aprilis coram prefato reverendo patre in loco suo solito ipso pro tribunali sedente, honorandi viri Domini Ricardus Chesterfeld, Ricardus Thorne et Nicholaus de Luda, canonici predicte ecclesie Beati Johannis Beverlacensis personaliter comparuerunt ad satisfaciendum termino, videlicet, ad producendum aliqua alia, ultra supraproducta si qua haberent, unanimi voce et quasi unanimi ore cum magna instancia reverendum patrem requisierunt quatinus ob reverentiam et mandatum domini Regis alias sibi directum ipsos ulterius non fatigaret, ex eo, quod negotium hujusmodi visitationis cum suis appendiciis, prout ex litteris Regis clarius patet in dicti domini Regis curia pendere dinoscitur indecisum. Quibus quidem canonicis Dominus respondit per omnia in hunc modum. "Fratres et amici, cause visitationis et correctionis et cause quibus insistimus sunt mere spirituales, idcirco coram judice seculari nullo modo tractabiles; et propterea vos et omnes vestri et cuilibet vestrum, qui hujusmodi mandata regia contra jurisdictionem nostram et ad impediendum nos in executione visitationis nostre impetrarunt aut qui vobis consilium aut favorem ad hujusmodi contra libertatem ecclesiasticam impetrandam dederunt, estis et sunt ipso facto majoris excemmunicationis sententia annuatim canonice lata dampnabiliter involuti, et contra vos ad ulteriora dictis litteris Regis non obstantibus justitia mediante procedemus."

They again entreated him to obey the King's command. He answered: "We protest that we are ready to obey the King in all lawful demands, saving the rights of the Church of York and our jurisdiction and visitation of the Church of Beverley."

Et statim predictus reverendus pater, quia non satisfecerunt termino, ipsos reputavit et pronunciavit contumaces, et in penam contumacie ipsos ab ulteriori productione exclusit per decretum.* Demum predicti domini Canonici iterato et cum requisitione notariorum publicorum expresse reverendum patrem, et cum ardua instantia requisierunt, ut mandatis Regis sibi pluries pro dicta visitatione directis obediret. Qui quidem reverendus pater cum solempni protestatione predictis canonicis respondit per hunc modum: "Protestamur coram vobis notariis publicis et aliis personis hic presentibus, quod in omnibus licitis et honestis domino nostro Regi volumus parere et obedire, juribus nostre ecclesie Eboracensis et jurisdictione nostra ac visitatione ecclesie nostre Beverlacensis semper salvis."

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* Marginal note: Nota, Dominus exclusit canonicos ab ulteriori productione.

Same day a clerk of the Berfell showed his title and took oath.

Another said he had not his title and was given till law day after 24 June to find it.

Eadem die et hora comparuit coram dicto domino Willelmus de Garton clericus de Berfrido, et exhibuit titulum incumbentie sue ac debitam obedientiam juravit. Illaque hora simili modo Willelmus de Leveryngton clericus de Berfrido, comparuit asserendo se litteris super possessionem beneficii sui tunc temporis carere, et dominus ibidem terminum ad producendum hujusmodi litteras ordinum et beneficiorum suorum videlicet ad proximam diem juridicam post festum Sancti Johannis Baptiste prorogavit et assignavit.

Producta ex parte Archiepiscopi.[*]

On behalf of the Archbishop his summoner produces the ordinances of Archbishop Romanus as to residence.

Eadem die venerabilis vir Magister Radulphus de Selby, utriusque juris bacallarius, prefati reverendi patris Auditor supranominatus, ex officio, quasdam produxit ordinationes sub sigillis autenticis roboratas, cujus tenor sequitur in hec verba.

Ordinatio bone memorie Domini Johannis Romani super residentia canonicorum ecclesie Beverlacensis.

[†] In Dei nomine Amen. Tenore presentium (*see* Beverley Chapter Act Book, i. 190 *n*).

Same day. The Archbishop assigned May 11th for the three canons sitting as a chapter and asserting that one canon by the custom of the church could make a chapter to show cause why the ordinances of Archbishop William Greenfield as to residence shall not be quashed as contrary to law and reason. Adjournment to 27 April.

(15)—Eadem die dominus predictis canonicis ecclesie Beverlacensis, videlicet, Ricardo Chesterfeld, Ricardo Thorne et Nicholas de Luda, tunc ibidem presentibus, capitulariter congregatis, ac capitulum ut asseruerunt facientibus, qui etiam dixerunt quod non solum tres canonici set etiam unus [‡] canonicus de consuetudine ecclesie facit capitulum, terminum peremptorium assignavit ad dicendum causam rationabilem quare ordinationem Willelmi Grenfeld supradicti tanquam canonibus et rationi contrariam non debeat irritari (*sic*) et cassari seu cassa et irrita pronunciari, ad xj diem mensis Maii proximum futuram. Et postmodum dominus [prorogavit] suam visitationem usque ad xxvij diem Aprilis predicti.

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[*] This entry and the next one are crossed out in the original.

[†] Non inseratur hic . . . . as in processu.

[‡] Marginal note: Nota confessus capitulum, quod duo vel unus facit capitulum.

(16 d)—Die Sabbati xxvij dicti mensis Aprilis dominus decrevit citari Robertum Okham, ministrum ecclesie predicte ad iiij diem mensis Maii ad docendum de titulo possessionis beneficii sui et ostendendum litteras ordinum suorum etc. Postmodum dominus suam continuavit visitationem ad iiij diem mensis Maii proximam venturam.

27 April. Robert Oakham, minister of the church, ordered to produce his title on 4 May. Adjournment to that day.

Eadem die coram dicto reverendo patre reverendus vir, Dominus Thomas de Gudmundham, Decanus Beverlacensis, produxit quasdam monitorias litteras executas, sigillo officii sui sigillatas. Quas quidem litteras idem reverendus pater mihi tradidit registrandas. Tenor quarum sequitur et est talis.

The Dean of Beverley, Thomas of Goodmanham, produced

Monitio executa contra absentes ad residendum in ecclesia Beverlacensi vel ad faciendum deserviri in ecclesia.

Reverendo in Christo patri et domino, Domino Alexandro, Dei gratia Eboracensi Archiepiscopo etc., vester humilis et devotus filius, Decanus vester Beverlacensis, Obedientiam, reverentiam et honorem debitas tanto patri.

His letters of warning to the absent canons to reside or cause service to be duly done in the church.

Mandatum vestrum reverendum nuper recepi in hec verba:

Alexander, permissione divina etc., dilecto filio, Decano nostro Beverlacensi, Salutem etc. Cum nuper ecclesiam nostram Beverlacensem jure nostro ordinario personaliter visitantes comperimus in eandem ecclesiam propter absentiam canonicorum, vicariorum et aliorum ministrorum ipsius ecclesie qui minus voluntarii et abque causa legitima se absentant ab eadem, contra ejusdem ecclesie fundationem et ordinationem in divinis obsequiis nullatenus fuisse et esse debite, prout eandem ecclesiam decuit et decet officiatam, set divinis officiis debitis injuste defraudatam, volentesque propterea in hac parte pro oportuno remedio providere, omnes et singulos canonicos et alios beneficiatos ejusdem ecclesie debite ex causa premissa requiri et moneri mandaverimus, quatinus ad ecclesiam ipsam redeuntes eidem ecclesie ratione prebendarum et aliorum beneficiorum suorum in eadem in divinis studerent prout tenentur debite deservire. Set iidem canonici beneficiati se indebite subtrahentes per hujusmodi requisitionem et monitionem nostras personaliter minime poterant apprehendi, prout nobis in forma juris fuit debite certificatum.

Idcirco nos Alexander, permissione divina Eboracensis Archiepiscopus supradictus, cum premissa sint in divini cultus diminutionem et sui numinis offensam notorie tendentia, absque correctionis debite remedio sub dissimulationis silentio pertransire non valentes, Vobis in virtute sancte obedientie firmiter injungendo mandamus, quatinus auctoritate nostra moneatis et peremptorie requiratis omnes et singulos canonicos et beneficiatos in ecclesia nostra Beverlacensi predicta, si ipsos personaliter apprehendere et invenire poteritis; alioquin per publicum monitionis et requisitionis hujusmodi edictum in ecclesia predicta Beverlacensi ac stallis et prebendis ac beneficiis suis et loco habitationis eorundem et aliis locis publicis quibus expedire videritis publice propositum et affixum, factis etiam proclamatione publica et solempni ac denunciatione notis et amicis eorundem et cujuslibet ipsorum, Ita quod monitio et requisitio predicte ad eorum et cujuslibet eorum notitiam valeant verisimiliter devenire. Quos etiam nos tenore presentium requirimus et monemus quatinus infra xv dierum spatium a tempore requisitionis et monitionis hujusmodi sicut premittitur factarum ad ipsam ecclesiam Beverlacensem redeant ac in eadem debite resideant eidemque ecclesie in divinis obsequiis et aliis eam concernentibus deserviant, ut tenentur, vel faciant ut convenit laudibiliter deserviri. Predicentes et denunciantes eis et eorum cuilibet, quibus etiam tenore presentium predicimus et denunciamus quod, si monitionibus et requisitionibus hujusmodi nostris non paruerint cum effectu nos, ipsorum contumacia et rebellione non obstante, quatenus de jure poterimus procedemus in premissis. Et vos de die receptionis presentium et citationis inde facte nos citra dictum diem debite certificatis per vestras litteras patentes harum seriem continentes. Valeas. Datis apud Beverlacum xxij die mensis Aprilis A.D. millesimo ccc^{mo} octogesimo primo, et nostre consecrationis septimo.

As he could not catch the persons in question by personal summons he summoned them several times publicly and with a loud voice in the church, chapter house, and in the stalls and dwellings, to appear and

Quarum quidem litterarum auctoritate quia personas de quibus premittitur citatione personali apprehendere minime potui licet diligentiam debitam adhibui, [et per alios] feci, prefatos canonicos et alios intitulatos tam in eadem ecclesia [et] in Capitulo dicte ecclesie quam stallis et domiciliis singulorum canonicorum et aliorum promotorum in dicta ecclesia publico et solempniter coram quampluribus fidedignis, vicibus repetitis, publico et alta voce, die data suprascripta ad comparendum et deserviendum dicte ecclesie secundum vim formam et effectum dictarum litterarum vestrarum, et ad faciendum [et] recipiendum quod mandatum vestrum (16) predictum reverendum exigit et requirit, monui et citavi et sic mandatum vestrum quantum potui reverenter sum executus. Ad regimen vobis commissum vos conservet in prosperis Deitas increata. Datis Beverlaci xxv die mensis Aprilis, anno Domini supradicto.

receive what the Archbishop's order required.

Die iiij mensis Maii coram prefato reverendo patre in loco suo solito, ipso pro tribunali sedente, Robertus de Louthorpe, procurator Roberti de Okham, tam titulum beneficii dicti domini sui quam litteras ordinum exhibuit et presentavit et petiit per me fideliter registrari, et juravit nomine domini sui et pro ipso debitam reverentiam et obedientiam dicto reverendo patri ut supra, et se velle suas rationabiles correctiones bona subire voluntate. Postmodum dominus continuavit visitationem suam usque xj diem mensis Maii.

4 May. Robert of Oakham appears by proxy and shows his title and takes oath of obedience.

Adjournment to 11 May.

Die xj mensis Maii idem reverendus pater prefatos dominos canonicos, videlicet Ricardum Chesterfield, Ricardum Thorne et Nicholaum de Luda, nichil dicentes nec causam rationabilem allegantes quare ordinatio W. Grenfeld non debeat cassari seu etiam annullari, reputavit contumaces, et in eorum contumaciam ipsam ordinationem cassavit, irritavit et annullavit per suam sententiam in hunc modum.

11 May. The three canons showing no reason to the contrary the ordinance of Archbishop Greenfield as to residence is quashed and declared

Revocatio residentie xij septimanarum.

Christi nomine invocato, nos, Alexander, permissione etc., pro tribunali in loco nostro solito sedentes, solum Deum pre oculis habentes, de jurisperitorum maturo et bene deliberato consilio et assensu, quamdam pretensam ordinationem per felicis recordationis Dominum Willelmum de Grenfeld, predecessorem nostrum, olim Archiepiscopum Eboracensem, ut dicitur, factam et ordinatam, laudabilibus antiquis ordinationibus Regum et Pontificum predecessorum nostrorum ac divini cultus augmentationibus contrariam et adversam [quantum ad residentium xij septimanarum*], revocamus cassamus irritamus et annullamus, revocari cassari irritari et annullari nostra ordinaria auctoritate, cum Capituli nostri consensu et

after mature deliberation with and the consent of counsel,

as far as concerns residence of 12 weeks,

by the Archbishop's ordinary authority and with consent of his chapter imposing perpetual silence on the canons and members of the church as to any complaint of this revocation.

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* The words in brackets interlined in a different hand.

assensu, decernimus et declaramus, et vobis dominis canonicis et cuilibet vestrum antedictis super contradictione qualibet per vos seu aliquem vestrum imposterum forsan contra hujusmodi nostre revocationis sententiam fienda perpetuum silentium imponendum fore et imponimus. Decernentes ac mandantes vobis ac cuilibet vestrum predictorum ut de cetero in dicta ecclesia secundum ordinationes factas per predecessorem nostrum bone memorie, Dominum Johannem Romanum* in quibus cavetur quod vos, dicti domini canonici, cotidie vel interpollatim ad divina per menses aut septimanas per viginti quatuor septimanas residentiam facere debeatis annis singulis personalem, ita quod portiones illorum quos forsan uno vel alio absente contigerit [*omission*] quantum ad corrodium de Bederna et quicquid ad eosdem absentes quoad oblationes altaris vel in ecclesia noscitur pertinere, ceteris, quos residere contigerit annis singulis, accrescant, residentiam faciatis et faciat quilibet vestrum canonicam in prefata ecclesia collegiata Beverlacensi;

Romanus, ordinance for 24 weeks' residence to be observed.

Et personali ordinatione nostra de et super octava prebenda, quam optinet Dominus Nicholaus de Luda, quantum ad corpus prebende et distributiones cotidianas, juxta ejusdem ordinationis limitationem in suo robore duratura. Corrodium tamen spectans ad ipsam prebendam si ipsum Dominum Nicholaum vel alium de successoribus suis non con[tigerit residere ceteris residentibus accrescat *crossed out*]. Presentibus honorandis viris, Magistro Radulpho de Selby, utriusque juris bacallario, Thoma Bukton, juris civilis bacallario, Johanne Clone, et Adam de Acome ac quampluribus aliis et honestis fidedignis testibus.

The order as to Nicholas of Louth's prebend to remain in force but his corrody to go to residents if he ceases to reside.

Eadem die xj Maii, coram reverendo patre in loco suo solito pro tribunali sedente, dictus nuncius juratus constitutus tenens in manibus suis quasdam denunciatorias litteras quas ad actualem presentiam tradidit, et retulit michi notario vive vocis oraculo dictas et infrascriptas litteras secundum continentiam earundem, die Dominica xxviij mensis Aprilis in ecclesia Beverlacensi executas fuisse et esse realiter et cum effectu, quarum tenor sequitur et est talis.

The Archbishop's summoner hands in letters denouncing the communication, stating that they were executed on Sunday 28 April in Beverley Church.

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* Archbishop's marginal note:—"Non inseratur nec producatur ordinatio Romani, set simpliciter annulletur ordinatio W. Grenfeld, quia intendimus reducere canonicos ad primam fundationem."

(16 d.) Alexander, permissione etc., dilecto nobis filio, Decano Christianitatis Beverlacensis, Salutem, etc. Quia inobedientie filios, Dominos Ricardum Ravenser et Johannem de Wellyngburgh, ecclesie Beverlacensis canonicos pretensos, propter eorum multiplicatas contumacias, prout ex actis nostri processus plenius apparet, excommunicavimus in scriptis; Idcirco vobis in virtute sancte obediente tenore presentium committimus et mandamus, quatinus predictos canonicos et ipsorum quemlibet sic excommunicatos in ecclesia Beverlacensi inter missarum solempnia coram Christi fidelium multitudine publice denuncietis, tam diu, donec ad gremium sancte matris ecclesie redierint et meruerint beneficium absolutionis optinere. Certificantes nos de vestra executione hujusmodi nostri mandati per litteras vestras patentes, aut publicum instrumentum, aut per nuncium nostrum juratum. Datis Beverlaci xxij [die] mensis Aprilis A.D. millesimo ccc^mo octogesimo primo et consecrationis nostre vij.

The letters denunciatory addressed to the Dean of Christianity of Beverley.

Rogatio procuratoris quod dominus supersederet a visitatione ex parte Canonicorum.

Eadem die xj Maii prefato reverendo patri pro parte dictorum canonicorum ecclesie Beverlacensis presentatum fuit quoddam breve regium, cujus tenor infrascribitur. Quem quidem reverendum patrem cum magna instantia quidam Johannes Pechille, procurator et procuratorio nomine dictorum canonicorum, cujus mandatum infrascribitur, requisivit quatinus dictos dominos suos canonicos a non comparitione in sua visitatione haberet excusatos, pro eo quod hujusmodi negotia visitationis in curia Regis penderent indecisa. Cui quidem procuratori reverendus pater respondit in hec verba: "Amice, prout alias sepius hujusmodi petentibus responsum dedimus, ita tibi etiam respondemus in presenti." Presentibus discretis viris, Magistro Petro Stapilton, Rogero Pykeryng, notario publico, et me Johanne de Scardeburgh, notario publico, ad premissa vocatis et specialiter rogatis.

A proctor of the chapter, John Pechell, asks the Archbishop to excuse the canons' attendance at the visitation as the matter was pending in the King's court. His answer was, "Friend, we give you the same answer we have given before to those making the same request.

Tenor littere Regis sive brevis regii talis est.

Writ of supersedeas."
1381.
6 May.
King Richard II. to Archbishop.

Ricardus, Dei gratia Rex Anglie, etc., venerabili in Christo patri, Alexandro, eadem gratia Archiepiscopo, etc., Salutem.

Having commanded you for the ending of the disputes between yourself and the chapter to appear before us in person or by counsel in the octave of S. George last past, and directed the canons to attend on the same day when they and you appeared,

We find that your counsel had not sufficient authority from you for the final decision of the matter, so have sent them to you to obtain full powers.

Cum pro dissensionibus et debatis inter vos et Capitulum Beati Johannis Beverlacensis motis in pacem et concordiam solitam reformandis, vobis ex causis rationabilibus et non modicum urgentibus mandaverimus, quod in propria persona vestra sive per attornatos et consiliaros vestros sufficienter instructos, essetis coram nobis et consilio nostro apud Westmonasterium in octabis Sancti Georgii proximo preterito; Ad quem diem mandavimus singulis canonicis Capituli predicti similiter ibidem interesse, ut auditis et rimatis dictis et responsionibus vestris hinc et inde, ulterius de avisamento consilii nostri fieri faceremus quod foret expediens in hac parte; Ac vos per attornatos et consiliarios vestros predictique canonici personaliter, pretextu mandatorum nostrorum predictorum, coram nobis et consilio nostro predicto comparueritis prefato die; et auditis, tam pro parte vestra quam pro ipsis canonicis, diversis rationibus super materia dicte litis, perpenderamusque attornatos et consiliarios vestros ut asseruerunt sufficientem potestatem a vobis non habere finaliter procedere in hac parte; Propter quod ipsos penes vos remisimus, ut, cum per hujusmodi potestatem vestram plenariam suffulti fuerint ad nos et consilium nostrum celeriter reveniant, facturi pro vobis pro bono pacis quod per nos et consilium nostrum predictum in premissis rationabiliter contigerit ordinari.

Meanwhile, to prevent the canons, who, by our special orders are waiting in our court, from being prejudiced we command and specially intreat you to supersede all process against them, their vicars, or other ministers of the church, and to send your counsel back as quickly as possible with full powers, as we intend to bring these disputes to a peaceful end.

Nos volentes omnia inchoata inter vos et Capitulum predictum, pendente dicta materia coram nobis indecisa, sub suspenso remanere, et nolentes dictis canonicis, qui de speciali precepto nostro sub spe pacis habende in curia nostra expectant et morantur, pro hujusmodi mora sua aliqualiter prejudicari, Vobis nedum mandamus sicut alias mandavimus, ymmo et vos specialiter rogamus, quod a quibuscumque processibus contra canonicos vel eorum aliquem, seu vicarios vel alios ministros ecclesie predicte faciendis, et a quibuslibet gravaminibus eis quocumque colore inferendis, pendente dicta materia coram vobis, ut est dictum, supersedeatis, et vos abstineatis; Remittentes nobis et consilio nostro, cum omni festinatione possibili, consiliarios vestros potestatem plenariam in premissis optinentes.* Intendimus enim et firmiter credimus finem facere pacificum de discordiis supradictis.

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* Archbishop's marginal note:—Nota, non spectat ad jurisdictionem temporalem impedire jurisdictionem spiritualem.

Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium vj die Maii, anno regni nostri quarto.

Per consilium—Waltham.*

ARCHBISHOP ARUNDEL'S STATUTES.

Confirmation by Richard II. of Archbishop Arundel's Statutes for the Minster.

1398.
4 June.

[Pat. 21 Ric. II. pt. iii. m. 13-14.†]

Pro capitulo ecclesie collegiate Beati Johannis Beverlaci. De confirmacione.

The King greeting. We have inspected the statutes of Thomas, late Archbishop of York, in these terms:

Rex omnibus ad quos etc. Salutem. Inspeximus litteras patentes Thome nuper Archiepiscopi Eboracensis Anglie primatis et Apostolorum sedis legati factas in hec verba :

1391.
28 July.

Thomas permissione divina Eboracensis Archiepiscopus, Anglie primas, et apostolice sedis legatus; dilectis filiis capitulo, preposito, officiariis, personis, vicariis, clericis, ac omnibus aliis et singulis ministris ecclesie nostre collegiate beati Johannis Beverlacensis, Salutem, graciam et benediccionem.

Pious preamble on the necessity of exact rules for the distribution of the revenues of the Church and the patrimony of the Crucified among its members.

Ad pastoralis officii sollicitudinem illud precipue pertinere dinoscitur, ut ecclesiarum status, ne ullis unquam vacillet temporibus, per ejusdem providenciam quanto firmius poterit imperpetuum solidetur; atque ut omnibus et singulis, tam majoribus quam minoribus, ministrantibus in eisdem sueque servitutis obsequium Deo debite persolventibus, de proventibus ecclesie, ac patrimonio crucifixi, secundum personarum gradus, labores, et merita, equa distribucione collata per eos qui proventus et obvenciones predictas percipiunt hujusmodique onera subire consueverant et tenebantur ab antiquo congrue ministretur, deliberacione provida, et ordinacione circumspecta debite providere, salubriter statuere, et commodius ordinare; atque ad eternam rei geste memoriam, que statuta fuerint et ordinata, scripturis autenticis inserta perhenniter posteris commendare. Hec namque sic debere fieri sancti patres tradiderunt, et nichilominus precipiunt canonice sancciones, insuper equitas suggerit, dictat racio, justicia exigit, ac consciencia juste regulata requirit.

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* Archbishop's marginal note :—Petitio non est justa, ideo non est concedenda.

† These statutes one would have expected to find in the Archbishop Arundel's Register at York. But they are not there. They were printed from the Patent Roll, in Dugdale's *Monasticon*, VI. 1308, as being *per Inspeximus*. But as will be seen the statutes were confirmed as well as inspected. The reference to the membrane is wrongly given in Dugdale as m. 10. Though the statutes were made in 1391, it does not seem to have been thought necessary to obtain the royal confirmation of them till after Arundel's translation to Canterbury in 1397.

At last visitation

many things found to be in need of settlement or reform.

Sane dum visitacionem nostram ordinariam in honorabili et collegiata ecclesia nostra Beverlacensi supradicta et prepositura ejusdem personaliter exerceremus, de fundacione et statu ecclesie ac prepositure, et facultatibus earundem, vita et moribus, ministrorum usu, modo et more ministrandi eisdem vite necessaria, inquisicionem quantam potuimus fecimus diligentem, per quam plurima statum et honorem ecclesie et personarum concernencia declarandi, reformandi, ordinandi, et statuendi superioris officio et discrecionis judicio, ac reformacionis remedio indigere reperimus evidenter.

Therefore in honour of St. John the Evangelist, to whom the minster is dedicated, and the Confessor John [of Beverley] Archbishop of York, by whose burial there and miracles the minster is glorified, with the consent of the Canons, makes these statutes.

Ad Dei igitur laudem, suique cultus augmentum, beati Johannis Apostoli et Evangeliste, in cujus nomine ecclesia ipsa constructa et dedicata esse dinoscitur ab antiquo; necnon ad sanctissimi confessoris Johannis quondam Eboracensis Archiepiscopi, cujus corporis presencia supradicta ecclesia gloriatur, sublimatur meritis, miraculisque coruscat et patrocinio communitur, gloriam et honorem; necnon pro evidenti utilitate et urgenti necessitate ecclesie; deliberacione provida et matura premissa, plenaque et debita cause cognicione secuta et interposita, de consilio et assensu expresso capituli, viz., dominorum Ricardi Thorne altaris S. Stephani, Ricardi de Chesterfeld altaris S. Petri, Roberti Manfeld altaris S. Michaelis, et Ade Fenrother altaris S. Jacobi, dicte ecclesie nostre Beverlacensis canonicorum et prebendariorum personaliter; Johannis Burton altaris S. Katherine, Johannis de Wellynburgh altaris S. Marie, Johannis Poole altaris S. Andree, Johannis de Fereby altaris S. Martini, dicte ecclesie nostre canonicorum et prebendariorum, per Dominos Willelmum de Gartone berefellarium, Johannem Bonytone vicarium chori, Johannem Wirthorpe Auditorem capituli, et Ricardum Thornetone Precentorem ejusdem, suos procuratores in hac parte legitime constitutos, omniumque aliorum et singulorum quorum interest, vel interesse poterit quomodolibet in futurum, auctoritate pontificali et ordinaria, quasdam declaraciones, ordinaciones, seu statuta perpetua, a quibuscunque dicte ecclesie ministris, cunctis futuris temporibus inviolabiliter observanda, providimus facienda.

In primis igitur ordinamus et statuimus, quod numerus ministrorum ecclesie, qui est in presenti; viz. novem canonicorum, Domino archiepiscopo Eboracensi, qui verus canonicus et prebendarius, ac eciam presidens dum presens fuerit esse dinoscitur, incluso, canonico eciam et prebendario prebende que dicitur octava, quoad hoc infra numerum comprehenso, trium quoque officiariorum, scilicet Precentoris, Cancellarii et Sacriste, ac septem personarum qui olim berefellarii fuerant nuncupati, novem vicariorum, septem capellanorum cantariarum, novem clericorum canonicorum, unius clerici Precentoris et unius clerici charnell[arie]; insuper et septem clericorum supradictorum personarum; duorum thuribulariorum, et octo puerorum choristarum; ac eciam duorum clericorum sacriste; et duorum virge bajulorum, seu pulsatorum campanarum, in ecclesia nostra Beverlaci predicta absque diminucione perpetuo observetur.

The number of the staff: 9 canons, including the Archbishop.

3 officers, Precentor, Chancellor, Sacrist, 7 Bearskins, 9 Vicars, 7 chantry chaplains, Precentor's clerk, charnel clerk, 7 Bearskins' clerks, 2 incense burners, 8 choristers, 2 Sacrist's clerks, 2 vergers or bell-ringers.

Habitum autem gerant et habeant canonici predicti, ac eciam tres officiarii, canonicalem, prout eciam consueverunt temporibus retroactis; persone vero qualem persone in ecclesia Eboracensi habent et deferunt, de cetero gerant et habeant libere ac licenter; Ceteri vero vicarii, capellani, clerici et choriste, vicariis, clericis, et pueris seu choristis prefate ecclesie Eboracensi in habitu per omnia se conforment.

Dress: canons and officers to be dressed as canons as heretofore; the Bearskins henceforth to dress like the parsons or chantry priests of York Minster; the rest to dress like the corresponding ranks in York Minster.

Ut autem in stallis et sedibus ordo congruus et honestus, divinoque officio persolvendus aptior observetur; statuimus et ordinamus, ut ex parte dextera chori, seu australi, post stallum canonicalem domini Archiepiscopi, canonicus et prebendarius altaris S. Martini primum seu proximum; canonicus et prebendarius prebende altaris S. Marie secundum; Cancellarius, tertium; ac una persona quartum. Deinde vicarius archiepiscopi quintum stallum seu locum habeat ordinatim. Rursum post stallum seu locum ebdomadarii, in suprema parte ejusdem australis partis chori, juxta presbyterum, canonicus et prebendarius altaris S. Stephani primum seu proximum; canonicus et prebendarius altaris

Order of the Stalls.
South side:
1. Archbishop [in the Dean's stall].
2. Canon of S. Martin's.
3. Canon of S. Mary's.
4. Chancellor.
5. A Bearskin.
6. Archbishop's Vicar.
7. 8. Canons' Vicars.
9. Precentor.
10. 11. Canons' Vicars.
12. 13. Bearskins.
14. Canon of S. Andrew's.

14. Canon of S. Stephen's.
15. Hebdomadary (Priest-vicar in course for a week).

S. Andree secundum; due persone tertium et quartum stallum seu locum habeant et occupent de cetero in futurum. Precentor vero in medio et ex utroque latere ipsius duo vicarii quatuor canonicorum ejusdem partis stent et sedeant, ac stalla habeant et occupent deputata.

North side:
1. Canon of Peter's.
2. Canon of S. Katharine's.
3. Vacant.
4. 5. Bearskins.
6. Vacant.
7. 8. Canons' Vicars.
9. Sacrist.
10. 11. Canons' Vicars.
12. 13. Bearskins.
14. Canon of S. Michael's.
15. Canon of S. James's.
16. Hebdomadary

Ex parte vero boreali ab ingressu chori canonicus et prebendarius altaris S. Petri primum; canonicus et prebenbarius altaris S. Katherine, que dicitur octava, secundum: due persone quartum et quintum. A presbytero vero, post stallum ebdomadarii ejusdem partis borealis, canonicus altaris S. Jacobi primum: canonicus et prebendarius altaris S. Michaelis archangeli secundum; due persone tercium et quartum. In medio vero Sacrista, et ab ejus dextris duo, atque a sinistris alii duo vicarii canonicorum ejusdem partis stalla et loca habeant et occupent assignata.

Clerks to sit on 2nd form in front of their principals.
Choristers on 3rd form below.

Clerici vero omnes et singuli in secunda forma, quilibet coram magistro suo. Pueri vero seu choriste ante clericos predictos loca sua teneant, ut fieri consuevit eciam ab antiquo.

In chapter, processions, reading lessons, etc., in each grade, precedence to be determined by seniority of admission.

In capitulo vero et processionibus faciendis, leccionibus legendis, responsionibusque cantandis, antiphonis inchoandis, ceterisque gerendis in quolibet gradu canonicorum, officiariorum, personarum, vicariorum, capellanorum, clericorum et puerorum seniori seu prius admisso, a quolibet juniore et posterius admisso debite deferatur. Premissorum quoque graduum ordo suprascriptus inter eosdem gradus imposterum observetur, prout ex ordine scripture supradicte liquet evidenter.

Chantry priests to find stalls where there is a vacancy among Bearskins or vicars; to take precedence between clerks and vicars.

Capellani autem cantarias habentes, qui sunt et erunt pro tempore, stalla seu loca vacua utrobique inter personas et vicarios equaliter divisi in choro occupent confidenter. In processionibus vero post clericos et ante vicarios incedant, atque inter eosdem legant et cantent, que per eosdem legenda fuerint seu cantanda.

In processions, besides those, the vicar and four clerks of S. Mary's Chapel, the undermaster of the school, the chaplains of S. Martin's altar,

In processionibus autem quibuscunque canonici, officiarii, persone, vicarii, vicarius capelle* beate Marie, unacum quatuor clericis ejusdem capelle, ac Sub-magister scolarum, et capellanus altaris S. Martini, necnon capellani capellarum de Ulbrigg † et Mollescrofte,‡ ac Hospitalis beati Nicholai §

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* S. Mary's Church, cf. vol. i., pp. 43, 57, 189.

† Hull Bridge.

‡ cf. p. 34-5 supra for its foundation in 1323, and first presentation p. 61, 1325.

§ cf. note i. 245 and 288.

Beverlaci; insuper et cantariarum capellani personaliter in habitu omnino intersint, sicut et interesse consueverunt etiam ab antiquo. Capellani eciam cantariarum divinis officiis in choro, secundum modum et formam in ordinacionibus et fundacionibus cantariarum predictarum limitatas, insertas, et ordinatas, personaliter intersint, legant et cantent; ceteraque subeant secundum quod in tabula per precentorem seu succentorem matriculati fuerint, seu aliter per eorundem assignacionem deputati.

of Hullbridge, of Molscroft, and of S. Nicholas' Hospital, and all chantry chaplains to be present as anciently accustomed.

Presentacio autem, sive collacio predictorum ministrorum; viz. Precentoris, Cancellarii et Sacriste, ac eciam personarum dudum vocatarum berefellariorum, quos quidem berefellarios recolende memorie Dominus Johannes de Thoresby dudum Eboracensis archiepiscopus ad honorem dicte ecclesie Beverlaci, et majorem decenciam ministrancium in eadem provide ordinabat, personis in ecclesia nostra cathedrali et metropolitica Eboracensi officiandis ecclesie in divinis in habitu conformari; set quia eorum turpe nomen berefellariorum patens risui remanebat, dictos septem de cetero non berefellarios, set personas volumus nuncupari; ad Prepositum Beverlaci qui est et erit pro tempore, pertineat, sicut ante presentem ordinacionem pertinebat, dum tamen infra quadraginta dies a tempore note vocacionis in loco beneficii de persona idonea duxerit providendum; alioquin hujusmodi beneficii sic vacantis collacio, ad nos et successores nostros Archiepiscopos Eboracenses, qui pro tempore fuerint, pertineat illa vice. Predictorum vero Precentoris, Cancellarii et Sacriste, necnon septem personarum examinacio, cessante devolucione hujusmodi, ad dictum capitulum pertinebit. Et in eventu quod inter Prepositum et Capitulum super habilitate presentati sive collati dicti Prepositi orta fuerit materia questionis, facta examinacione per Archiepiscopum Eboracensem qui pro tempore fuerit, ipsa dissencio suo arbitrio terminetur.

The presentation of the officers and Bearskins belongs to the Provost, but the Bearskins whom Abp. Thoresby ordered to be assimilated to the parsons of York Minster for greater decency, as their name is still ridiculous, are no longer to be called Bearskins but parsons.

If Provost fails to present within 40 days the presentation lapses to the Archbishop.

Vicariorum vero, clericorum, canonicorum, et officiariorum hujusmodi in ecclesia ministrancium [presentacio] ad canonicos officiarios et personas divisim, ad quemlibet scilicet proprii vicarii et clerici, ceterorumque thuribulariorum et choristarum ad Capitulum; omnium vero et singulorum ministrorum predictorum examinacio, admissio, institucio et destitucio, privacio et ammocio ad Capitulum modo premisso spectent et pertineant in futurum jure suo, per supradictum

Presentation of vicars and clerks belongs to the canon, officer, or parson, whose servants they are; of incense bearers and choristers to the chapter. The examination, admission, and removal of all vicars, &c., belongs to the chapter, except as regards the Archbishop's vicar and clerk, specially reserved to him.

Prepositum, canonicos, officiarios, et personas ac Capitulum libere faciende et imperpetuum exercende; collacione et ammocione, institucione, et destitucione, vicarii archiepiscopalis, clerici eciam ejusdem Archiepiscopi Domino Archiepiscopo qui nunc est, et erit pro tempore, specialiter solum et in solidum reservata composicione inter Dominum Archiepiscopum ac Capitulum Beverlaci super limitacione et reservacione jurisdiccionis ministrorum dicte ecclesie Beverlaci, tam quoad Dominum Archiepiscopum, qui est et erit pro tempore, quam Capitulum dicte Beverlacensis ecclesie absque prejudicio cujusque partis inviolabiliter observanda, cui quidem composicioni per presentem ordinacionem nullatenus in aliquo derogetur.

If presentation of vicars is not made within 15 days of vacancy it lapses to the chapter;

Ad divini vero cultus augmentum continuum, ecclesie Beverlacensis gloriam et honorem, prefatorumque ministrorum numeri perhennem conservacionem, statuimus et ordinamus, quod Preposito Beverlaci, seu aliquo viij° canonicorum, vel officiariorum, seu eciam personarum, infra quindecim dies continuos, vicarios vel clericos inferiores presentare negligente, seu nullatenus, aut indebite presentante, lapsis dictis quindecim diebus, collacio et ordinacio hujusmodi ad Capitulum Beverlaci; dictoque Capitulo infra alios quindecim dies immediate sequentes de vicariis seu clericis idoneis non conferente seu ordinante, ad archiepiscopum Eboracensem, qui pro tempore fuerit, nullo processu judiciario ad hoc requisito, nec ignorancia, seu locorum distancia, aut alio colore subsidium negligenti prestantibus in premissis ipso facto protinus devolvatur.

whom failing, after 15 days, to the Archbishop.

This ordinance not to affect powers of presentation, &c., in chantry foundation-deeds.

Fundacio vero et ordinacio cantariarum in dicta ecclesia Beverlacensi, quantum ad capellanorum predictarum cantariarum presentacionem, admissionem, et ammocionem per omnia observentur, quibus per hanc nostram ordinacionem non intendimus in aliquo derogare.

The provost, canons, and all others to be admitted after "Preciosa" in the chapter-house, and take oath to observe these and other statutes.

Porro Canonici, Prepositus, Officiarii, persone, vicarii, capellani et alii ministri supradicti, per Capitulum admittendi, in domo capitulari, horaque capitulari, videlicet post horam primam et Preciosa decantatas publice et solempniter per presidentem, de cetero debite admittantur, juramentumque consuetum ab eisdem admissis, et precipue juramentum de observando hanc nostram ordinacionem, et omnia et singula in eadem contenta, in omnibus suis articulis, quantum eorum quemlibet tangunt seu concernunt, exigatur et prestetur.

Insuper a receptore, botellario, et janitore Bederne, in eorum prefeccione et admissione juramentum consuetum per Capitulum, hora et loco supradictis exigatur conformiter et prestetur. Qui autem aliter, seu clandestine admissus fuerit, ejus admissio pro nulla penitus habeatur.

The same applies to the receiver, butler, and porter of the Bedern.

Ceterum ne predictorum ministrorum numerum quovis quesito colore diminui contingat, quem potius cupimus augmentari, statuimus et ordinamus, ut cum unum officium vix digne valeat aliquis adimplere, de cetero nulli liceat nisi unicum duntaxat canonicatum, prebendam, officium, seu unicum personatum, vicariam, cantariam, seu aliquod aliud ministerium in dicta ecclesia Beverlacensi, quovis pretenso titulo, vel colore aliquomodo, simul et semel eodem tempore optinere, habere, seu retinere; quod si secus presumptum fuerit, eo ipso irritum sit et inane, nulla declaracione judicis expectata, nec quovismodo in hac parte necessaria seu requisita.

Plurality. No one to hold two canonries or other preferments in the minster at once.

Nostre tamen intencionis non existit, quin Officiarii, persone ac inferiores clerici supradicti annualia libere recipere valeant et habere, dum tamen in ecclesia Beverlacensi predicta personaliter celebrent, resideant et divinis officiis intersint, ut tenentur. Vicariis vero nullatenus liceat annualia recipere quovismodo vel habere.

But they may take "annuals," or payments for keeping anniversaries of the dead, except the vicars.

Quia vero indignum esse comprobatur, ut altari vivat, qui altari deservire contradicit; quodlibetque officium seu ministerium ei conferri debeat, qui in loco residere velit et valeat officium injunctum et ministerium sibi creditum, tam debite quam devote, atque cum effectu subiturus; ut dissolucionis materiam atque evagacionis periculum penitus auferamus, statuimus et ordinamus; ut quilibet Cancellarius, Precentor, Sacrista, persona, vicarius et cantariarum capellani, de cetero in ecclesia Beverlacensi sepedicta, personaliter et continue residere omnibus et singulis horis canonicis et missis de die, modo, et forma supra et infra scriptis interesse presencialiter teneantur.

Personal residence required of all.

Quilibet eciam ad officium seu personatum ad presens admissus, et in futurum admittendus, proximis Quatuor Temporibus ad subdiaconatus ordinem, ac eciam infra annum a tempore sue admissionis continue numerandum, se faciat ad sacerdocium promoveri; alioquin lapsis proximis Quatuor Temporibus, ipsoque in subdiaconum non ordinato, vel eciam ordinato, si infra annum a tempore sue admissionis continue

Every officer or parson to be admitted to priest's orders within a year, or his place to be, *ipso facto*, void.

numerandum ordinem sacerdotalem non receperit, nulla monicione premissa nec requisita ab homine vel a jure, sit presentis ordinacionis auctoritate ipso jure privatus, nullius dispensacione, quantum ad absenciam, seu non residenciam vel ordinum predictorum suscipiendi dilacionem in aliquo valitura.

Absence from canonical hours or masses, except during time of bleeding, to be punished by fines according to statutes of York, a copy of which to be inserted in the register.

Ceterum, quia ferendus non est qui lucrum quidem amplectitur, onus autem annexum recusat, frequenterque spes impunitatis nutrire consuevit negligenciam in subjectis; ac eciam ut hii qui ad debite servitutis obsequium, ex devocione animi, et libertate arbitrii, non moventur pecuniaria pena, timoreque servili edocti facilius judicantur; Statuimus ac eciam ordinamus, ut quicunque extra minucionis* concesse et consuete tempora, causa absencie in capitulo primitus assignata, declarata, admissa et approbata duntaxat excepta, a majoribus horis seu minoribus, vel missa aut processione aliqua se absentans presens personaliter non extiterit, persone et vicarii, secundum statuta ecclesie nostre Eboracensis, vicariorum penas limitancia, quorum copiam vestris inserendam registris transmittimus debite puniantur. Ceteri vero Capellani, clerici, seu ministri cotidie pro eorum absenciis pena arbitraria per Capitulum corrigantur.

In case of chaplains and clerks to be corrected at will of chapter.

Fines for absence from obits of King Athelstan, archbishops, and benefactors: canon, 1s.; officer, parson, or vicar, 4d.; chantry chaplain, 2d.; clerk, 1d.; to be paid to incense bearers and choristers.

Ut autem ingratitudinis vicium ab ecclesia nostra predicta, ejusque ministris penitus extirpemus, statuimus et ordinamus, ut quicunque in exequiis recolende memorie Adelstani regis, seu exequiis generalibus archiepiscoporum Eboracensium, et benefactorum ecclesie annuatim celebrandis presens personaliter non extiterit; si canonicus, xij^{d}.; si officiarius, persona vel vicarius, iiij^{d}.; si capellanus cantariarum, ij^{d}., si clericus, j^{d}., illa vice amittat: qui quidem denarii thuribulariis et choristis absque diminucione aliqua applicentur et accrescant, nulla remissione absentibus quomodolibet profutura.

Verum ut laborem lucrum alleviet, premium virtuti respondeat, habundansque dotacio devocionem adaugeat; quilibetque dum sufficienter seu competenter sibi fore provisum consideret, ad Dei dileccionem libencius frequenciusque exurgat; ipsique in puritate consciencie et devocione animi sacrificium laudis, fructum scilicet cordis et labiorum liberius offerat, Statuimus et ordinamus, ut Prepositus

Payments by provost:

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* Dugdale's copyist made a sad mess of this word, converting it into *injunctionis*. *Minucio*, or lowering treatment, meant the bleeding, which was the favourite panacea of the Middle Ages, and was undergone at stated intervals.

Beverlaci qui nunc est et erit pro tempore, pro quolibet ex novem canonicis supradictis, cunctis futuris temporibus, ad quatuor anni terminos, in vigiliis scilicet S. Michaelis, et Natalis Domini, Pasche, et nativitatis S. Johannis Baptiste, decem libras per equales porciones camerario Capituli Beverlaci, nomine canonicorum predictorum, terminis supradictis integraliter liberandas solvere teneatur. Solucione vero camerario Capituli, per indenturam sic ut premittitur plenaria facta, Prepositus Beverlaci qui est et erit pro tempore, ac receptores et ministri eorum, quantum ad novem canonicos supradictos, et summas persolutas ipso facto sint quieti et penitus liberati; Precentori eciam x^{l}, Cancellario vero et Sacriste, prout ante presentem nostram ordinacionem solvi consueverat. Quilibet quoque duorum clericorum et duorum virge bajulorum ejusdem Sacriste vjs. viijd. Insuper et unicuique Personarum vj^{l} xiijs. iiijd. terminis supradictis, absque ulteriori dilacione, dolo, seu fraude, integraliter persolvat annuatim.

to canons, £10 a year;

Precentor, £10; Chancellor and Sacrist, as heretofore;

Sacrist's clerks and vergers, 6s.8d. each;

Bearskins, £6 13s. 4d. each;

Prefatus insuper Prepositus cuilibet ex novem canonicis sapradictis, ac eciam Precentori et Cancellario quinquaginta duo quarteria avenarum annis singulis in festo translacionis S. Johannis Archiepiscopi in locis competentibus et sufficientibus de fructibus autumpni proxime precendentis colligenda percipienda, et habenda, clare et distincte absque fraude effectualiter assignabit.

to Canons, Precentor, and Chancellor on translation of S. John, 52 quarters of oats.;

Cuilibet autem novem vicariorum predictorum viij^{l} terminis supradictis solvit indilate; in Bederna vero singulis septimanis quatuor bussellos frumenti pre manibus liberabit. Duos quoque puteos pro turbis fodiendis, et locum competentem pro eisdem desiccandis annis singulis in turbaria de Levene eisdem debite assignabit. Domos insuper Bederne quas dicti vicarii inhabitant competenter reparabit et sustentabit. Mappas preterea pro eorum mensa, et stramentum pro aula; truncos eciam yemales, unum post alium, competenter a vigilia Omnium Sanctorum usque in vigiliam Pasche supradictis vicariis, ipsius Prepositi sumptibus et expensis tradet, inveniet, cariabit et liberabit.

vicars, each, £8 a year and 4 bushels of wheat a week in the Bedern;

two places for cutting turf in the Leven turbary, and a place for drying it;

repairs of their houses in the Bedern;

tablecloths and straw for floor; sufficient logs for fire from All Saints' Day to Easter Eve.

In festis insuper sanctorum Stephani diaconis, et Johannis vicariis; ac Sanctorum Innocencium thuribulariis et choristis; in die eciam Circumcisionis Domini subdiaconis, et clericis de secunda forma, de victualibus annis singulis, secundum morem et consuetudinem ecclesie ab antiquo usitatos, debite

The usual allowance of food to the deacons on S. Stephen's, the vicars on S. John's, and the incense bearers and choristers on Innocents' Day, ministrabit; antiqua consuetudine immo verius corruptela Regis stultorum infra ecclesiam et extra hactenus usitata sublata penitus et extirpata.

and subdeacons and clerks of the second form on the Circumcision; but the ancient custom or corruption of the King of Fools to be wholly abolished.

Servitoribus eciam altaris in festis assignatis, secundum consuetudinem ecclesie in pecunia, et nullatenus in victualibus, solvet, diebus et festis consuetis in consuetudinario novo per nos ordinato in scriptis et limitato.

The servants of the altar also to have their due allowances in money not in victuals.

Consuetudines eciam antique ecclesie Beverlacensis vocate les Fulles, et duorum cereorum accensorum in refectorio a vigilia Natalis Domini usque ad festum Purificacionis beate Marie inclusive; Collacio quoque diebus singulis in Bederna fieri consueta, elemosinarum optentu, que dictis diebus, ac eciam singulis quatuor jejuniorum anni temporibus in Bederna pauperibus largiuntur, ac cuve servisie pulsatoribus in exequiis Adelstani regis, mandatum in cena Domini, liberaciones corrodiorum gestatorum feretrorum et aliorum ministrorum ecclesie, ac oblaciones Prepositi ad feretrum in porta Bederne diebus Rogacionum et Ascensionis Domini, nec non potaciones veniencium cum processionibus et kariolis die Lune in septimana Pentecostes omnino observentur, dum tamen dicta collacio in convivio fiat post completorium in choro decantatum.

The ancient custom called Fools, and the two candles in the dining hall from Christmas Eve to the Purification (2 Feb.); the daily dinner also by way of alms. and also that given on Rogation Days to the poor in the Bedern, the casks of beer for the ringers at King Athelstan's Obit, the Maundy, the corrodies of the shrine-carriers, and others, the offerings of the provost at the shrine at the Bedern gate on Rogation and Ascension days, the drinks given to those coming with processions and carols on Monday in Whitsun week are to be duly observed; so long as the collation is held in the common room after compline is finished.

Porro, cum quelibet ordinacio debeat esse possibilis, justa, ac pro communi omnium utilitate, quantum possibile fuerit statuenda, curare debet superior, nedum unum extollat alium ad yma depellat, set stateram in manibus gestet equoque libramine lances apendat [*sic*]; sicque aliquem in uno oneret et aggrevet, ut in alio eundem relevet et sustentet; sane et si proventus prepositure Beverlaci, nostrorum patronatus et collacionis ad omnia onera supradicta subeunda, et alia quecunque onera incumbencia eidem supportanda eciam ultra honorabilem, frugalem, et sufficientem Prepositi qui pro tempore fuerit sustentacionem, secundum sui status, gradus, honoris et persone congruenciam, benedicto Altissimo, sciamus sufficere in presenti; et maxime propter ecclesiam de Welwyke, eidem prepositure dudum appropriatam, infallibiliterque credamus ex verisimilibus conjecturis habundantius sufficere debere eciam posse in futurum; sciamus eciam veraciter presentem nostram ordinacionem, Preposito qui nunc est, et erit pro tempore, ac prepositure dicte ecclesie nostre Beverlaci non tam opportunam et utilem, quinnimo summe necessariam et plurimum

The provostry revenues are sufficient to meet all these charges;

commodiferam in presenti; ac eciam in futurum sit eciam indubitanter, verum onera Bederne antiqua et consueta multo majorum fuisse onerum, difficultatum et expensarum. Ut tamen Prepositus qui est, et erit pro tempore, sicut considerat quorundam porciones ex sua quidem prepositura necessario augmentatas, ita et suam preposituram agnoscat et senciat cum effectu ab oneribus gravibus relevatam; seu verius, ut ita dicamus, multimodo liberatam, sicque ex consequenti augmentatam; statuimus, decernimus, et ordinamus Prepositum qui est et erit pro tempore, aurifabro, latomo et squillario, qui nunc sunt quolibet modo cedente vel decedente, cedentibus vel decedentibus, seu quovismodo dicta officia dimittentibus, non tenere nec debere de cetero aliquem aurifabrum, latomum, seu squillarium habere, nec alicui officia illa conferre, seu ad illa quemcunque nominare, nec onera eisdem officiis incumbencia aliquatenus agnoscere, seu quomodolibet supportare, prefatum Prepositum qui nunc est, et successores suos qui erunt pro tempore, ipsam preposituram a predictis solucionibus et oneribus post cessionem vel mortem, seu quamvis aliam dimissionem dictorum aurifabri, latomi seu squillarii totaliter exoneramus et absolvimus per decretum, ipsaque officia extunc subducimus, tollimus et supprimimus in futurum; omnia namque et singula onera officiis Aurifabri et Latomi, et precipue reparaciones et onera feretrorum, ac aliorum ornamentorum ecclesie; onus eciam fabrice et reparacionis ecclesie, ac quecunque alia dictis duobus officiis ante hec tempora incumbencia Capitulum dicte Beverlacensis ecclesie, suis propriis sumptibus ex nunc imperpetuum subiet et agnoscet; dictumque Capitulum ad premissa onera, ut premittitur, subeunda, ac de ejusdem Capituli consensu expresso, sentencialiter et diffinitive condempnamus in hiis scriptis.

but to prevent all doubt,

when the present goldsmith and mason cease to hold office, their offices shall be abolished, and the provostry relieved of their maintenance;

all the duties of the officers, especially the repairs of the fabric and the shrines and ornaments of the church thenceforth falling on the Chapter, with their consent.

Prepositum insuper supradictum, qui nunc est, et successores suos qui erunt pro tempore, ab omnibus et singulis oneribus aliis, prestacionibus, solucionibus, consuetudinibus quibuscunque, sive in pecunia, sive in victualibus, sive quibuscunque aliis rebus existentibus, ministris dicte ecclesie, ante hec tempora solvi in ecclesia Bederna, vel locis consuetis seu debitis, ex fundacione, ordinacione, privilegio, prescripcione statutis vel consuetis, facto vel composicione quorumcunque Archiepiscoporum Eboracensium, Prepositorum, Canonicorum, seu aliorum ministrorum ecclesie predicte, oneribus, presta-

All charges and customs for the ministers of the church or others, heretofore payable in the Bedern, not expressly mentioned in this ordinance are abolished.

cionibus, solucionibus, consuetudinibus in hac presenti ordinacione nostra insertis duntaxat exceptis, de consensu et assensu dicti Capituli Beverlacensis, omnium et singulorum dicte ecclesie ministrorum, quorum intererat in hac parte expressorum, sentencialiter et diffinitive absolvimus et exoneramus imperpetuum in hiis scriptis antiquis Bederne observanciis, et consuetudinibus omnibus et singulis, presentibus non expressatis; quarum plurime jam a multis temporibus in dissuetudinem abierunt; ac propter earum incertitudinem, et vacillacionem, brigis et litibus occasionem multitociens dederunt, subductis de cetero et sublatis; nullam deinceps firmitatem habentibus, nec aliquatenus ab aliquo in futurum observandis, set pro perpetuo quoad ministros ecclesie penitus exsufflatis.

But as the labourer in the vineyard is to have his penny day without delay,

Quia vero secundum Evangelium denarius diurnus in vinea Domini laborantibus ipsa die sine mora est prestandus; scriptumque sit, "Non maneat merces mercenarii tui tecum usque mane;" considerantes eciam, quod quandoque ante hec tempora, occasione solucionum in terminis solitis non factarum, seu indebite dilatarum, ministri ecclesie predicte cessare consueverunt a divinis, non absque gravi offensa Dei et scandalo ecclesie, fundatorum et fidelium animarum prejudicio, perniciosissimoque exemplo: volentes idcirco abusum supradictum et occasiones supradictas prorsus extirpare, eisdemque ministris de alio remedio congruo providere, contra Prepositos insuper, qui non solvendo Deum offendunt, hanc ordinacionem nostram contempnunt, ministros salariis debitis deludunt et defraudant, per penas insurgere speciales, statuimus et ordinamus, decernimus et diffinimus, quod si in aliquo terminorum vel vigiliarum predictarum, vel infra xv dies extunc immediate sequentes, Prepositum dicte Beverlacensis ecclesie, in toto vel in parte hujusmodi solucionis faciende alicui persone seu gradui ministrorum predictorum, contra tenorem ordinacionis presentis deficere contigerit, tociens quociens quinque marcas nomine pene archiepiscopo Eboracensi, qui pro tempore fuerit, et fabrice ecclesie Eboracensis quinque marcas; ac eciam fabrice ecclesie Beverlacensis quinque marcas solvere teneatur, ordinacione presenti nichilominus in suo robore per omnia in singulis ejus articulis duratura. Ad quas quidem quindecim marcas, sic ut premittitur persolvendas, Prepositum qui nunc est, et erit pro tempore, requisito omnium concensu quorum interest et con-

if the provost does not pay anything due on the terms or eves aforesaid within 15 days

he is to incur a penalty of 5 marks each to the Archbishop, to the fabric of York Minster, and to the fabric of Beverley Minster.

currente, et expressato, sentencialiter et diffinitive condempnamus in hiis scriptis.

If he further fails in payment and does not pay these penalties within another 15 days,

Verum si soluciones supradictas ministris ecclesie sepedicte, secundum presentis ordinacionis modum et formam faciendas, seu prefatas penas commissas per alios quindecim dies, dictos quindecim dies immediate sequentes, integraliter nobis, nostrisque successoribus et fabricis supradictis facere contempserit, noluerit, seu non solverit cum effectu; nos Prepositum qui pro tempore fuerit, lapsis dictis triginta diebus quorum decem pro primo, decem pro secundo, et reliquos decem dies pro tercio et peremptorio termino et monicione canonica, cuique Preposito qui pro tempore fuerit assignamus, dolo, mora, et culpa precedentibus, vinculo excommunicacionis majoris in hiis scriptis innodamus, absolucione a prefata sentencia, facultate eciam libera contra Prepositum sicut premittitur, non solventem, ejusque receptorem et ministros, per quascunque alias censuras canonicas, ac sequestracionem et missionem in possessionem bonorum dicte prepositure multe, seu pene indiccionem, pignorum capcionem, et alia quecunque juris remedia per nos et nostros commissarios exercenda, nobis ac successoribus nostris specialiter et expresse reservatis.

he *ipso facto* incurs the greater excommunication.

As no certain provision has hitherto been made for the clerks of the canons, precentor, and Bearskins, and so fit persons have been difficult to find and keep, that the clergy and the church may not be disgraced by their begging, ordered that the Archbishop's clerk have 40s. from him; the canons' clerks, 40s.; the precentor and Bearskins' clerks, 30s.; incense bearers and choristers, 20s. each from the revenues of the eight canons.

Verum quia pro novem canonicorum, Precentoris, et personarum clericis, thuribulariis, seu choristis victu necessario nichil certum, sufficienter, nec eciam competenter hucusque provisum fuerat, concessum, aut aliquatenus ordinatum: ideoque habiles et ydonei ante hec tempora ad subeundum chori onera non poterant absque difficultate reperiri; pluresque eorundem remanere nolebant, quia unde viverent non habebant; ideoque, ne in opprobrium cleri et dedecus ecclesie prefati clerici cogantur infeliciter mendicare, statuimus et ordinamus, quod clericus archiepiscopi, ab eodem quadraginta solidos; quilibet vero ex octo clericis reliquorum canonicorum xl. sol., et clericus Precentoris, et quilibet ex septem clericis personarum, xxx. sol; insuper et quilibet duorum thuribulariorum, et octo canonicis per camerarium Capituli de quibuscumque canonicatuum seu prebendarum proventibus annis singulis, ad predictos quatuor terminos equaliter solvendos percipiant; eciam annuatim singulis predictis octo canonicis residentibus et non residentibus, ad equalem solucionem prefatis clericis equaliter faciendam pro perpetuo ad paria obligatis.

To encourage attendance at obits, when those of Edward III., Queens Isabel and Philippa, Sir Richard of Ravenser, and John of Bentley are celebrated, the chapter is to pay 8d. to canons, 6d. to officers, 4d. to vicars, 3d. to chantry priests, 2d. to clerks of the second form, 1d. to choristers present.

Volentes preterea omnes et singulos dicte ecclesie ministros per materialium distribucionum largitates ad exorandum pro defunctis specialiter animare, commodaque commodis cumulare, statuimus, ut cum exequie pro animabus domini regis Edwardi tercii, dominarum Isabelle et Philippe reginarum, Domini Ricardi de Ravenser et Johannis de Bentley fuerint in eadem ecclesia Beverlacensi celebrande, singulis canonicis viijd., officiariis vjd., personis et vicariis iiijd., cantariarum capellanis iijd., clericis de secunda forma ijd., et pueris choristis jd., dummodo in exequiis et missis presentialiter et complete interfuerint, per Capitulum ecclesie quod ad hec onera obligatur, perpetuo erogentur. Absentibus a predictis exequiis seu missis, cujuscunque gradus extiterint, nichil penitus percepturis. In exequiis vero domine Ydonee Percy servetur ordinacio inde facta in ecclesia predicta usitata.

At Lady Idonea Percy's obit the ordinance heretofore used is to be observed.

Having thus sufficiently provided for all ranks, the Archbishop exhorts and commands that at services they will all meet without delay, not rushing or shortening, without any vain, empty, or discreditable talking, not leaving before the services are over, but doing them devoutly, and by labour in this life earning eternal reward.

Ceterum, cum cuilibet statui, gradui, et persone ministrorum ecclesie supradicte per presentem ordinacionem satis habundeque sit provisum ac sufficienter ordinatum, quemlibet vestrum exhortamur in Domino, et nichilominus in peccatorum vestrorum remissionem, ac in virtute sancte obediencie firmiter injungentes mandamus, quatenus in prefata honorabili collegiata ecclesia, temporibus debitis, ad horas canonicas devote conpsallendas sine mora alacriter convenientes, non transcurrendo, non sincopando, nulla prorsus colloquia extranea, vana, vel inhonesta intermiscentes, ipsaque officia divina quibus mancipati estis peragentes, ante eorum complecionem nullatenus recedentes, tam debite quam devote, cum omni spiritus fervore voluntarie persolvatis, quatenus laboris temporalis meritum vita perpetua recompenset omnium meritorum justissimus Retributor.

Has autem nostras ordinaciones, et decreta, diffiniciones, sentencias et statuta, a quibuscunque ecclesie Beverlacensis ministris, quatenus unumquemque eorum attinent et concernunt, perhenniter observanda, vobis transmittimus sigilli nostri munimine roborata in fidem et testimonium omnium premissorum, jure et dignitate nostris et ecclesie nostre Eboracensis in omnibus semper salvis. In quorum omnium testimonium et fidem sigillum nostrum fecimus hiis apponi.

Dated at Beverley.

Datis Beverlaci xxviijº die mensis Julii anno Domini mccccxcjº et nostre translacionis quarto.

Confirmation by Crown

Nos autem ordinaciones decreta diffiniciones sentencias statuta et transmissionem predicta ac omnia et singula in dictis litteris contenta rata habentes et grata, ea pro nobis et heredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, acceptamus, approbamus, et nunc Archiepiscopo Eboracensi ac Capitulo, Preposito, Officiariis, Personis, vicariis, clericis ac omnibus aliis et singulis ministris dicte ecclesie collegiate Beati Johannis Beverlaci et successoribus suis tenore presencium concedimus et confirmamus prout, hee littere patentes racionabiliter testantur.

In cujus etc. Teste Rege apud Westmonasterium quarto die Junii.

Pro viginti solidis solutis in hanaperio.

for 20s. paid in to the Hanaper.

KING ATHELSTAN'S CHARTER.[*]

[Brit. Mus. Cott. Ch. iv. 18.]

That witen alle that euer been,
That this Chartre heren and seen,
That I, the Kinge Adelstan,
Has yaten[†] and giuen to Sente Johan,
Of Beuerlik, that sai I yow,
Tol and Theam, that wit ye now,
Sok and Sake ouer al that land,
That es giuen into his hand,
On euer ilke Kinges dai,
be it alfre ay and ay,[‡]
be it almousend,[§] be al fre,
Wit ilke man and eek wit me;
That wil i, (be him that me scop,)[||]
Bot[¶] til an Ercebiscop
And til the seuen minstre Prestes,
That serues god thar Saint Johan restes.
That giue i god and saint Johan,
Herbefor you euerilkan,

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[*] This so-called charter of King Athelstan has been several times printed. It was printed in Dugdale's *Monasticon*, thence, apparently, though the source is not stated, by G. Poulson in his *Beverlac*, p. 37, and thence by Mr. De Gray Birch in his *Cartularium Saxonicum*, ii. 322. The latter also printed another copy from Lansd. MSS., 269, f. 213, an absurdly corrupt seventeenth-century copy. It also appears in Kemble, Cod. Dipl. ii. 186 ; and in Thorpe, Diplom., 180.

All these editions are full of mistakes and inaccuracies, which make several passages quite unintelligible. But they are probably all derived from the same original, and that, the original now used.

The present copy is taken from the Cottonian Charter, iv. 18. It is an oblong piece of parchment without seal or anything to show by whom it was composed or whence it came. The writing is of the date of Edward II., which is apparently also the date of its language and composition. In Introduction to Vol. I. p. xxviii., it was put too early, at the end of the thirteenth century. Mr. Birch has (I find since this was printed) himself printed from it an Appendix to *Cartularium Saxonicum*, iii. 339.

In this copy the "y" used in the original for "th" has been printed "th," which makes the document a great deal more intelligible. Unless the forms of all the letters used in the original are preserved, in which case a facsimile, not a copy, would be presented, it is difficult to see why the "y" alone should be preserved, when it is notorious that it is simply a corruption of the Anglo-Saxon letter "thorn," and was merely a way of writing what they pronounced, as we do, "th." It is not enough to print the "y" and warn the reader that he must pronounce it "th," as the tongue involuntarily follows the eye and says "yat yis" for "that this," and so gives an erroneous idea of mispronounced doggrel to verse

TRANSLATION OF KING ATHELSTAN'S CHARTER.

This know all men, whoever they be,
Who hear and see this charter,
That I, Athelstan the king,
Have granted and given to St. John
5 Of Beverley—so I say to you—
Toll and team, that know now ye,
(And) sōk** and sac over all the land
That is given into his (St. John's) hand
In every king's day.
10 Be it wholly free, for ever and aye,
Be it in frankalmoign, be all free,
As regards every man and even as regards myself;
Thus I decree, by Him that made me!
Except as regards one archbishop
15 And as regards the seven minster-priests
That serve God where St. John rests.
This give I to God and St. John
Here, before you every one,

which, in spite of the tags with which the lines are occasionally eked out, is really not bad.

A similar rhymed charter, also attributed to King Athelstan, taken from A. 23 Duchy of Lancaster Records at the Record Office, has been printed by Canon Fowler in his *Memorials of Ripon*, Surtees Society, vol. 74, 1881, p. 90. That charter boldly makes Athelstan set his seal to it, and contains a variant of the famous clause

And in all thyngges be als fre
As herte may thynk or eghe may se.

It is said to have been produced in a *Quo warranto* case as early as 1228 (Fowler, p. 51), but the facsimile given shows that the actual record is middle fourteenth century, and so, says Professor Skeat, is the language.

The authentic Inquisition taken in 1106 in the nature of a *Quo warranto*, printed by me from the Southwell Liber Albus in *Memorials of Southwell Minster*, Camden Society, 1890, clearly gives the primacy to Beverley before Ripon and Southwell, and, in respect of sanctuary, before York itself.

The philological explanations and translation are due to the kindness of the Rev. Professor W. W. Skeat.

† "Granted" A.S. *gēatan*, to grant.

‡ Hiss drinnch wass waterr aȝȝ occ aȝȝ. Ormin, l. 3212, quoted in the *New English Dictionary*; s.v. Ay.

§ Pp., cf. O. F. *almosner*, to give as alms. The tenure of "frankalmoign," or free alms, in liberam or, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, was one well recognised, and conveyed freedom from every exaction, even from doing fealty, which was compounded for, by suit and service to the lord of heaven.

‖ "Made." *Scōp*, past tense of *scieppan*, to create.

¶ Bot til, except to.

** The part of Winchester outside the city walls, in which the college and a considerable suburb were situate, was known as the Bishop's Soke or jurisdiction.

al my hest-corn[*] iu[er]eldeel[†]
to uphlad his minstre weel;
Ya, four threue (be heuen kinge)
of ilk a plowgh of Estridinge.
If it swa betid, or swa gaas,
That animan her again taas,[‡]
be he Baron, or be he Erle,
Clerk, Prest, Parson or cherel,
na be he, na that ilk come,[§]
I will forsaye[||] that he come,
That wit ye weel or and or,[¶]
til sancte Johan minstre dor,
And thar i wil (swo crist me red);[**]
that he bet[es][††] his misded,
or he be cursed son on on;[‡‡]
wit al that servis saint Johan.
Yif it swa betid and swa es,
That the man in mansinge[§§] es,
i sai you, ouer fourti daghes,
(swilk than be sain Johan laghes),
that the Chapitel of Beuerlike,
til the Schirref of Euerwike,
send thair writ son on an,
that this mansedman be tan;[||||]
the schirref than, sai i the,
witouten ani writ oueme,[¶¶]

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[*] A. F. spelling of *est-corn*, corn for dainties, corn of the first quality; *cf.* A. S. *ēst-mete*, dainty meat.

[†] The curl, denoting *er*, is omitted, as commonly at this date; iu*er*el=eueril= every. Birch reads in the Lansdowne version "and meldrell." Medylde corne, mixtilio—a mixture of wheat and rye. See *Catholicon Anglicum*, s. v. Masitzon. Fowler suggests "ilka deal" = every bit.

[‡] If it happens, or chances thus, that any takes, *i.e.* takes part against this; *cf.* l. 42 tan, for ta'en.

[§] *Gome* in both versions in Mr. Birch, as if for *guma*, a man. But *come* is A.S. *cuma*, a stranger.

[||] *Forsecgan*, to say beforehand. Mr. Birch prints "forsoothe," but it is not so written, unless the *y* is for *th*! The *a* might be an *o*: but not two *os*.

[¶] Perhaps for *late and or*, late and early.

[**] A. S. *rǣdan*, to advise. *Cf.* Æthelrœ̄d (noble council) the Unready.

[††] Amend. *Cf.* l. 48; where both grammar and rhythm demand *betes*.

[‡‡] On on = anon; spelt on an in l. 41.

[§§] Mansinge. *Cf.* mansedman l. 42, *mansed*, *i.e.* excommunicated, occurs in Piers Plowman. "That the man sings is"! (Lansdowne MS.)

[||||] Betan = be taken; read "be tan."

[¶¶] One me, lit. "on me"; *i.e.* "of me." But it seems to be distinctly written "oue" in the MS.

All my daintiest corn, every bit of it,
To uphold his minster well,
Yea! four thraves, by the King of heaven,
From every plough in the East Riding.
If it so betide, or so happens *
That any man takes (part) here-against,
Be he baron or be he earl,
Clerk or priest, parson or churl,
(Unless the same be wholly a stranger)—†
I desire to announce that he must come.
So know ye well, before and beforehand,
To St. John's minster-door;
And there I desire—so Christ advise me—
That he make amends for his misdeed;
Or he shall be cursed, soon anon,
By all that serve St. John.
If it so betide, and so is,
That the man is excommunicate,
I tell you, beyond forty days,
Let such then be St. John's laws,
That the chapter of Beverley
Unto the sheriff of York
Must send their writ, soon anon,
That this excommunicate man be taken;
The sheriff then, so I tell thee,
Without any writ from me,

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* The too plentiful stops in the Charter at the end of each line are there in the original, being not used as commas, but to mark the metre, as the document is written straight on, as if it was prose.

† Literally "nor be he not that same a stranger"; the "nor" merely introducing the negative clause.

Sal nimen[*] him (swo crist me red)
and in to mi prison lede,
and hald him, that is mi wilt,
til he bet[es][†] his misgilt;
If men reises newe laghes,
in ani other kinges daghes,
be thay fromed, be thai yemed,[‡]
wit thham[§] of the minstre demed;
the mercy of the misded;
gif i saint Johan, (swo crist me red).
Yf man be cald of limes or lif,
or men chalenges land in strif,[||]
Wit mi Bodlaik,[¶] wit writ of right,
y wil saint Johan haue the might,
That man thar for noght fight in feeld,
Nowther wit staf, no wit sheeld;
Bot Twelvemen wil i that it telle;
swo sal it be, swo heer ibelle;[**]
And he that him swo werne[††] may,
ouer men[‡‡] be he ever and ay;
Als he in feld war ouercomen,
the crauantise[§§] of him be nomen,
That yat[||||] i God and saint Johan;
her befor iow euerilkon.
Yif man be fonden slan, dronkend,
sterued[¶¶] on sain Johan Rike,
His aghen men, wit outen swike,[***]

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[*] Take. A.S. *niman*, to seize; minen in Birch here.

[†] See l. 32.

[‡] *Fromed*=full of profit. See *The New English Dictionary*, s.v. Frame. *Yemed*=heeded, carefully administered, see *yeme* in Chaucer.

[§] The sense of the passage seems to be (omitting l. 51), "If men make new laws in the days of any other king, let them be judged (administered) by the minster."

[||] Or men lay claim to land at law. "Chalaunge, or clayme, *vendicacio*." (*Promptorium Parvulorum.*)

[¶] A.S. *Bodlāc*, decree, ordinance; with substitution of the Norse suffix *-leik* for A.S. *lāc*. "With my God lake,"! Lansdowne MS.

[**] The proper reading probably is, Swo bere I belle=so may I bear the bell, *i.e.* carry off the prize.

[††] A.S. *wyrnan*, to refuse.

[‡‡] Birch prints "ouercomen." It probably is so, but there is an iron-mould mark which conceals the "co" if written.

[§§] *crauantise*, cowardice; or "defeat."

[||||] A.S. *geātan*, to grant.

[¶¶] Dead. A.S. *steorfan*, to die.

[***] A.S. *swīce*, deceit. This word, like "Rike," is dissyllabic.

45 Shall arrest him—so Christ advise me!
And lead him into my prison,
And keep him, that is my will,
Until he make amends for his misguilt.
If men propose new laws
50 In any other king's days,
If they be good, let them be observed,
(And) administered by those of the minster.
The amercement for the misdeed
I give to St. John, so Christ advise me!
55 If one be summoned regarding limbs or life,*
Or (if) men claim land in opposition
Against † my decree, by a writ of right,
I desire that St. John have the authority
That no one shall fight for it in the field
60 Either with staff, or with shield;
But I desire that twelve men shall decide it;
So shall it be—so may I bear the bell!
And as for him that may refuse for him (to do) so,
Away from men let him be, for ever and aye;
65 (Just) as if he were overcome in the field,
Let his confession of defeat be taken.
This grant I to God and St. John
Here before you, every one;
If one be found slain, or drowned,‡
70 Or dead within St. John's precinct,
Let his own men, without deceit,

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* This is of itself perhaps sufficient to show that the charter is post-Conquest The old English law knew nothing of the vicious custom of trial by battle and appeals for murder determined by more murder, but the compurgation by twelve honest jurymen, witnesses at first to character, and afterwards judges of fact.

† Probably this *wit* = against, like German wider, not modern with, but the second *wit* seems to be used in the modern sense.

‡ The Lansdowne MS. puts "dronken" for "dronkend," but as Professor Skeat remarked, coroners do not hold inquests on drunken men.

his agh[en] Bailliffs make the sight ;
Nan other coroner haue the might ;
Swa mikel fredom giue i the,
Swo hert may think or eghe see ;
That haue i thought and forbiséen,
i wil that thar [may][*] euer been,
Samennig[†] and minstre[‡] lif
Last folhuer[§] wit outen strife ;
God help alle thas ilke men
That helpes to the Thowen.[||] amen.

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[*] *May* required, else *been* would have to be *be*, against rhyme.

[†] The MS. seems to have "samennig" for "samenning." *Cf.* Icel. *samna*, to collect ; hence, assembly, congregation, *i.e.* of the canons.

[‡] Birch prints "mynstre" but the MS. is as printed.

[§] M.E. *lastful*, lasting (Stratmann). There is an iron-mould mark here, but as far as can be made out the MS. is as printed. Birch prints "Last folher."

[||] i. ville=id est, town, is interlined in the MS. *Thowen* is a vicious spelling of *thown*, which is again the A.F spelling of *town*.

His own bailiffs, namely, hold the view (of him) ;
Let no other coroner have the power.
So much freedom I give thee
As heart may think of or eye may see.*
Thus have I thought and provided for.
I desire that there [may] ever be
A congregation and minster life †
Lasting here, without strife.
God help all those same men
That give their help to the town. Amen.

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* One does not quite see why this couplet is introduced here. There was nothing very exceptional in a grant to a lord, ecclesiastical or other, of the right to be his own coroner on his own land. Indeed, the only really exceptional privilege contained in the charter and exercised in fact, *cf.* vol. i., p. 366, as we have seen, was the right to issue a writ *de excommunicato capiendo* direct to the sheriff without suing it out of chancery as, for example, even so mighty a prince of the church as the Bishop of Winchester had to do.

† Minster life, *i.e.* the life of the secular canons of a cathedral or other collegiate church. The same term is used in the foundation-deed of Exeter Cathedral. It means a college, but not a monastic life.

MISCELLANEOUS.

CHARTER OF KING STEPHEN TO BEVERLEY MINSTER, WITH SPECIAL PROVISION AS TO THRAVES.

[From York Minster MSS. M. 2 (4) Misc. Reg. i.*]

1135. Stephanus, rex Anglorum, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, vicecomitibus et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Anglie, Salutem. Presentis carte attestatione confirmo ecclesie Sancti Johannis de Beverlaco pacem suam infra leugam suam et ejusdem violate pacis emendationem, sicut est a Rege Alestano ipsi ecclesie collata et a ceteris Anglorum regibus confirmata, privilegia quoque et dona que a regibus Edwardo et avo meo Willelmo consecuta est, et libertates omnes et consuetudines et dignitates et rectitudines tam in terra quam in aquis et in omnibus possessionibus suis cum soca et saca et tol et team et in hiis que ad illa ubique pertinent, feriam quoque suam ad Nativitatem Sancti Johannis Baptiste quinque diebus, cum mea firma pace omnibus illuc venientibus et inde recedentibus et ibi morantibus, tam vendentibus quam ementibus cum omnibus rebus suis: Travas quoque suas per totam Austridding, iiij † ad cultrum et vomerem, etiam in dominicis maneriis meis, et denarios de travis secundum consuetudinem ipsius ecclesie.

Confirmation of the peace of S. John within a mile of it, and penalty for breach of it was granted by King Athelstan; also the gifts of Edward and William and all its liberties;

the fair for 5 days on 24 June, and

their thraves throughout the East Riding, four for each plough and plough share even in my demesne manors, and pence for thraves.

Et volo et firmiter precipio quod ipsa ecclesia ita teneat bene et in pace et honorifice et plenarie in omnibus rebus in bosco et plano, in pratis et pasturis, in terris in aquis, in navibus et portubus et in omnibus aliis rebus, sicut ipsa unquam melius et plenius et honorificentius et liberius tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi et Willelmi avi mei et avunculorum meorum Regum Willelmi et Henrici, et sicut eorundem carte Regum testantur.

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* The volume is wholly devoted to Beverley containing a copy of a great Inspeximus Charter of Edward IV. of all Beverley Minster charters. The charter of Stephen is recited in an Inspeximus of Henry V., following charters of Edward the Confessor, William the Conqueror, and Henry I. A translation of this has been printed by Poulson. Beverlac. ii. 526.

† Poulson wrongly translates "four to a plowdland also in my demesne manors."

Hec confirmo et regia auctoritate statuo, et a Deo mihi collata potestate illi ecclesie imperpetuum mansura corroboro. Testibus Turstino Archiepiscopo Eboracensi et Alexandro Lincolniensi Episcopo et Nigello Eliensi Episcopo et Adelmaro Episcopo Carliolensi et Rogero cancellario et Roberto de Veer et Hugone Bigote et Roberto filio Ricardi, et Willelmo Mar[chal] et Roberto de Ferr[ariis] apud Eboracum anno incarnationis dominice mcxxxv., regni vero mei primo.

Grant by Provost and canons of Beverley of thraves in Bridlington to Bridlington Priory.

[Brit. Mus. MS. 9, B. ix. f. 3 (b)] *

c. 1135.

Thomas, provost, and the canons of Beverley grant to the canons and S. Mary's, Bridlington, two thraves or 2d. for each plough in the parishes of Bridlington and Hunmanby.

Notum sit universis fidelibus presentibus et futuris quod Thomas, Prepositus ecclesie Sancti Johannis de Beverlaco et Canonici ejusdem ecclesie, consensu et assensu Thurstan Eboracensis Archiepiscopi, concesserunt Canonicis et ecclesie sancte Marie de Bridelington elemosinam illam que pertinet ad ecclesiam Beverlacensem in parochiis de Bridelington et de Hunmanby, hoc est in unaquaque villa supradictarum parochiarum de singulis carucis duas travas vel duos denarios.

In return the canons of Beverley are to share in alms and prayers in Bridlington Church, and when a canon of Beverley dies, the same service shall be done for him at Bridlington as for a canon of Bridlington, and pay 13s. 4d. a year.

Et ecclesia de Bridelington tenebit illam elemosinam imperpetuum de ecclesia Beverlacensi hoc tenore, quod canonici de Beverlaco communicent in omnibus beneficiis et elemosinis et oracionibus, que in ecclesia de Bridelington fient imperpetuum, sicut canonicus ecclesie; et quando canonicus Beverlacensis mortuus fuerit, illud idem servicium fiet pro eo in ecclesia de Bridelington, quod fit pro mortuo canonico ejusdem ecclesie; et pro recognitione hujusmodi elemosine imperpetuum habende Canonici de Bridelington reddent canonicis de Beverlaco xiij^{s}. iiij^{d}. unoquoque anno ad Nativitatem S. Johannis Baptiste.

Ut hujusmodi communionis dileccio inter has duas ecclesias stabilis et inconcussa permaneat similiter communicabunt canonici ecclesie de Bridelington in omnibus beneficiis et

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* On f. 1 of the book is written, on the fly-leaf, "Iste liber Sententiarum est liber Magistri Rogeri, Archidiaconi Lincoln,"with an inscription that he gave it to S. Oswald and Bardon Abbey. On a later page is an entry that it belonged to Tateshall College. The date of the writing is about 1370. On the leaf before is written the account of a miracle in a Black Monastery, at Tripolis, in 1287.

And the canons of Bridlington share in the same way in the prayers at Beverley Minster.

elemosinis et oracionibus que in ecclesia de Beverlaco fient imperpetuum, sicut canonicus ecclesie, et quando canonicus Bridelingtoniensis mortuus fuerit illud idem servicium fiet pro eo in ecclesia de Beverlaco, quod fit pro mortuo canonico ejusdem ecclesia. Hii sunt testes Robertus de Wicvilla, Herveus de Beverlaco, Reynaldus de Nocton, Hugo de Molescroft, Godefridus de Raganathorp, Gilberto de Beceby, Gamel filio Chetell.

CONFIRMATION OF GRANT OF THRAVES BY BEVERLEY TO BRIDLINGTON BY ARCHBISHOP THURSTAN.

[Bodl. Dodsworth MSS., lxxvi.* 147.]

Turstinus Archiepiscopus super convencione inter nos et canonicos de Beverli (*endorsed*).

c. 1135.

Omnibus successoribus suis in Eboracensi ecclesia canonice substituendis et omnibus parochianis suis tam clericis quam laicis T., ejusdem ecclesie Dei gratia administrator licet indignus, Salutem et orationum suffragia.

Whatever is done for the saints of God is a sweet savour to him, more especially for his mother who for a singular reward of her pure life held in the narrow bonds of a virgin's womb him whom the heaven, the earth, and sea cannot contain; she it is who daily appeals to her son by her prayers for our daily sins.

Multimoda scripturarum interpretatione informamur quod quicquid honoris et gracie sanctis Dei a nobis vel per nos fuerit exhibitum totum sit ei odor suavitatis et sacrificium; si autem id de sanctis suis astruitur multo magis de piissima ejus genetrice sentiendum est, que singularis privilegio puritatis et innocentis vite ipsum quem celum terra et mare non capiunt, intra angustias virginalis uteri meruit includere; Illa est illa humani generis mediatrix, que pro nostris cotidianis excessibus, cotidianis precibus filium suum fideliter interpellat.

So we confirm the grant of Beverley to S. Mary of Bridlington.

Unde nos ejus servi beneficii illius conventionem que inter Beverlacensis ecclesie et Sancte Marie Brellintoniensis canonicos facta est, sicut in carta utrinque concessa et sigillo Sancti Johannis signata continetur, concedimus et concedendo firmamus. Quam recapitulatam presentibus intexere commodum duximus.

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* This appears to have been among the Bridlington muniments, being endorsed 9 Hunmanby. It was a good deal of piety to expend for property worth a mark a year.

Canonici Sancte Marie Brellintoniensis canonicos Beverlacenses familarius ex bono caritatis que Deus est in consortium beneficiorum suorum et oracionum et elemosinarum susceperunt; ita ut quando Beverlacensis obierit, Brellintonienses ei sicut uni suorum obsequii debitum exhibeant. Beverlacenses vero ne tante pietatis et humanitatis inveniantur immunes, aliquod beneficium in perpetuum eis tenendum concesserunt. Nam elemosinam illam, videlicet ij travas vel duos denarios de singulis carrucis in parochia de Brellintona et de Hundemanebi pro remedio animarum suarum ecclesie de Brellintona semper habendam donaverunt; ita quod canonici de Brellintona Beverlacensibus i marcam argenti reddent per annum ad Nativitatem Sancti Johannis Baptiste.

Redditus vj^{d} in Alto Vico.

Grant of rent of 6^{d} in Highgate to the altar of S. John.

[Brit. Mus. Lansd. Ch. 201.]

Sciant omnes hanc cartam visuri vel audituri quod ego Galfridus, filius Odonis, dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Deo et altari ecclesie Sancti Johannis Beverlacensis et Canonicis ibidem Deo servientibus, pro salute anime mee et animarum antecessorum meorum in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam redditum vj^{d} sumendorum annuatim ad Pentecosten de quadam terra in Beverlaco in Alto vico quam Willelmus Morte, carpertarius, tenet, que eciam jacet inter terram Rogeri carpentarii et venellam meam.

[Warranty of title.]

Et in hujus rei testimonium huic carte mee sigillum meum apposui.

Hiis testibus Alexandro, Roberto, Hely, Engelramo, Ada Longo, Thoma, Galfrido, capellanis, Thoma Elimosinario, Humberto de Neuland, Petro filio Semanni, Symone de Vlram, Petro de Marisco, Galfrido de Marisco, Stephano Dispensatore, Waltero Penigfote, Ernisio talliatore, Martino [stain] et aliis.

Foundation of Scott's Chantry at S. Michael's altar.

Carta Petri Derman de cantaria S. Michaelis.

[Brit. Mus. Lans. Ch. 202.]

Bet. 1249 and 1266.

Grant by Peter Berman to God, the canons and chapter of S. John of Beverley, for maintenance, of chaplain to serve at the altar of S. Michael' for the soul of William Scott, once Archdeacon of Worcester, of his capital mansion in Flemingate; and rent of 5s. from land there held by Acer the tailor; 5s. from 2 booths, held by Matilda of Rome; 5s. from land held by Ivo the carpenter; 12d. for two crofts held by Hugh of Barton, 1d. for a right of way through the lane there; 1d. for land by the garden; 16s. 2d. in all.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Petrus Derman, burgensis Beverlacensis, dedi, concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Deo et canonicis et Capitulo Sancti Johannis Beverlaci in perpetuum, ad sustentacionem capellani ministraturi in altari Sancti Michaelis pro anima Magistri Willelmi Scott, quondam Archidiaconi Wygorniensis, capitale mansum quod habui in Flemingate cum gardino et edificiis et omnibus pertinenciis ejus;

Item annuum redditum sexdecim solidorum et duorum denariorum percipiendum de terris infrascriptis, scilicet de terra quam Acerus cissor de me tenuit in Flemingate, quinque solidos;

De duabus bothis quas Matildis de Roma de me tenuit in eodem vico, quinque solidos;

De terra quam Ivo carpentarius de me tenuit in eodem vico, quinque solidos;

De duobus croftis que (*sic*) Hugo de Barton de me tenuit in eodem vico, duodecim denarios;

De Reginaldo de Mapelton pro chimino habendo per venellam, unum denarium;

De terra juxta gardinum quam Johannes de Aldegate de me tenuit, unum denarium;

Tenenda et habenda predictum capitale mansum et predictum redditum dictis canonicis et capitulo et capellano in predicto altari pro anima predicti Magistri Willelmi ministraturo, libere integre et quiete cum omnibus que predictis terris accidere poterunt in futurum, ita quod predictus capellanus qui pro tempore fuerit omnia predicta tenebit de predictis canonicis suo perpetuo et licebit ei omnimodas districciones facere in predictis terris pro predicto redditu si de eo sibi non fuerit in suis terminis satisfactum, Reddendo inde annuatim michi et heredibus meis novem denarios pro omni servicio, omni secta, omni consuetudine et demanda.

Rent in lieu of all services, 9d.

Warranty of title.

Et ego Petrus et heredes mei predictum mansum et predictos redditus cum omnibus pertinenciis suis et eschaetis predictis canonicis et capitulo in predicto altari ministraturis pro predicto servicio contra omnes gentes warantizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus in perpetuum.

The vendor received £20 sterling from the archdeacon's executors to pay his debts with.

Pro hac ante donacione, concessione, confirmacione, warantizacione, acquietacione et defensione dederunt michi executores predicti Archidiaconi viginti libras esterlingorum ad acquietanda debita mea.

Et ut hec mea donacio, concessio, confirmacio, warantizacio, acquietacio et defensio rate et stabiles imperpetuum perseverent, hanc presentem cartam sigilli mei munimine roboravi.

Testibus Magistro Simone de Evesham, Archidiacono Estriding; Hugone de Driffeld, Willelmo Engleys, Reginaldo de Ulram, Ricardo carectario, Reginaldo de Mapelton, Galfrido de Staynton, Johanne de London, Simone de Scoter, Roberto Ingelberd, Roberto le Espycer, Nicholao Coco, Stephano clerico, et aliis.

Grant to Simon of Evesham, probably for Scott's Chantry.

[Brit. Mus. Lansd., Ch. 206.]

c. 1265.

Grant by John of land in Eastgate, Beverley, to Mr. Simon of Evesham, canon of Beverley and Archdeacon of the East Riding, in perpetuity.

Omnibus Christo fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Johannes dictus de [MS. torn] heres quondam Mabilie Erre, Salutem.

Noveritis quod ego terram meam, que [MS. torn] Occidentali de Estgate in Beverlaco et protendit in longitudine de vico de [MS. torn] ad fossatum commune, quod est inter terram eandem et gardinum Magistri Simonis [MS. torn] canonici Beverlaci, et in latitudine inter terram que fuit Willelmi de Skiteby [MS. torn] australi, et terram que fuit Willelmi cementarii ex parte boreali, quam Henricus [MS. torn] mihi reddidit et plenam inde seisinam mihi fecit, ego eandem cum edificiis [MS. torn] ad eam pertinentibus, dedi et concessi et presenti carta mea confirmavi Magistro [MS. torn] de Evesham, Archidiacono Estriding, et cuicumque assignare voluerit, Tenendam et habendam cum omnibus pertinenciis integre et quiete sibi et assignatis suis et heredibus assignatorum in perpetuum, Reddendo inde annuatim Alano cementario, presbitero, et heredibus suis triginta denarios ad

Rent 30d.

duos terminos anni scilicet medietatem ad Pentecosten aliam medietatem in termino Sancti Martini in hyeme.

Ego Johannes et heredes mei predictam terram cum pertinenciis predicto Magistro Simoni et assignatis suis et heredibus assignatorum warantizabimus contra omnes.

Price 8 marks.

Pro hac autem donacione concessione et warantizacione dedit in omnes Magister Simon pre manibus octo marcas.

In cujus rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Johanne de Driffeud, Willelmo [MS. rubbed], Alano Cementario, presbitero, Roberto de Leseche, Willelmo Protheried, Roberto de [MS. rubbed] niston, Simone cementario, Thoma le Lorimer, Roberto le [MS. rubbed] Willelmo [MS. rubbed] et multis aliis.

Carta Sacriste.

[Brit. Mus. Lansd., Ch. 198.]

Grant by Roasia, daughter of Godfrey the butler of Beverley, to Mr. Peter Shirburn, Sacrist of Beverley, of land in Morgate, Beverley, at rent of 2s. for all services.

Noverint omnes has literas (*sic*) visuri vel audituri quod ego Roasia, filia Godefridi Pincerne de Beverlaco dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Magistro Petro de Schirburn vel ei cui dare vel assignare voluerit quandam terram quam ego tenui in Morgate in dominico que jacet inter toftum Sacriste et toftum Johannis de Mubrai, quod est de eodem tenemento tenendam et habendam de me et heredibus meis illi et heredibus suis, vel cui assignare voluerit libere quiete et honorifice, Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis duos solidos sterlingorum ad Pentecosten et ad festum beati Martini in hieme per partes equales pro omnibus serviciis et exaccionibus.

Et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus prefato Magistro P. et heredibus suis vel cui assignare voluerit predictam terram contra omnes homines. Et hoc fideliter observandum pro me et heredibus meis tactis sacrosanctis in capitulo Beverlaco imperpetuum.

Hiis testibus Magistris R. de Richemund et R. de [MS. rubbed], Dominis W. de Harpham, Willelmo de Buri, Stephano Trencheford, Ricardo de Leuene, et Willelmo Rufo, capellanis et [MS. rubbed] de pertico, Willelmo de [MS. rubbed] Alano de Schyrburn, Rogero de Beverlaco, Ingelramo de [MS. rubbed] clericis, et aliis.

Arrangement between Provost of Beverley and Canons for temporary commutation of corrodies for money payment.

[Brit. Mus. Lansd. Ch. 227.]

A.D. 1272.

To discharge the debts of the Bedern, the canons, vicars, clerks, and other ministers have agreed for a year to take a certain amount of wheat and money instead of their corrodies. That they may not be prejudiced by this, the Provost grants that on Michaelmas, 1273, they shall return to their old estate and receive their corrody again without diminution in eatables and drinkables unless meantime some other arrangement is come to by the consent of all interested.

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentes litteras visuris et audituris Johannes de Chesull, Prepositus Beverlacensis, Salutem in Domino. Licet ad exoneracionem debitorum Bederne nostre Beverlacensis canonici, vicarii, clerici et aliis ipsius ecclesie ministri nobis concesserint quod a festo Sancti Michaelis anno Domini m^{o}cc^{o}lxx^{mo} secundo, per unum annum integrum pro correddiis suis certam percipiant in blado et pecunia porcionem;

Nolentes tamen ipsis canonicis seu aliis per concessionem hujusmodi annualem in aliquo prejudicium gravari volumus et de voluntate venerabilis patris Domini Willelmi, Dei gracia Eboracensis Archiepiscopi, Anglie primatis, pro nobis et successoribus nostris tenore presencium concedimus, quod predicti canonici et omnes alii in festo Sancti Michaelis anno gracie m^{o}cc^{o}lxx^{mo} tercio ad antiqui temporis statum suum redeant sine alicujus contradiccionis obstaculo; ita videlicet quod quilibet eorum extunc esculentis et poculentis corredium suum integraliter percipiat secundum quod temporibus nostris et predecessorum nostrorum percipere consuevit, nisi interim de consensu et voluntate omnium quorum interest aliter fuerit ordinatum.

In quorum premissorum testimonium et fidem sigillum nostrum litteris presentibus apposuimus et sigillum prefati domini Archiepiscopi procuravimus apponi.

Datis London in festo Sancti Nicholai anno Domini m^{o}cc^{o}lxx^{mo} secundo.

Grant to Light at High Altar.

[Brit. Mus. Lansd. Ch. 228.]

A.D. 1273.

25 June.

Grant by the nine vicars of

Noverint universi presens scriptum visuri vel audituri quod nos Willelmus Spiritus, Ricardus de Burton, Petrus de Wileby, Robertus de Louthorp, Walterus de Seulcotes, Beverley Minster to Ralph of Ivingho, Precentor, of a court and house built thereon in Moregate, Beverley, bequeathed to them by Thomas of Harpham, subject to a rent of 2s. a year to the light at the high altar.

Willelmus de Swine, Petrus Pollard, Rogerus Thale et Johannes de Fangefosse, vicarii Beverlacensis ecclesie, concessimus, dedimus et tenore presencium assignavimus Raldulfo de Yvingho, Precentori Beverlacensi, totam illam aream cum domibus superedificatis et aliis suis pertinenciis sitam in vico qui dicitur Morgate in villa Beverlaci, quam quidem aream bene memorie Thomas de Harpham nobis in ultima sua voluntate legavit prout in testamento ipsius Thome plenius continetur, Habendam et tenendam eidem Radulfo, vel cui eam assignare voluerit, absque omni exaccione seculari et demanda, salvis duobus solidis annuatim de eadem area reddendis luminari majoris altaris Sancti Johannis Beverlacensis.

For which he paid 40 marks of silver.

Et pro istis concessione et donacione dedit nobis predictus Radulfus quadraginta marcas argenti, quas tenore presencium profitemur nos recepisse ab eodem.

Sealed with their seals and the chapter's seal.

Ut autem hec presens nostra donacio firma permaneat et stabilis inperpetuum hoc presens instrumentum sigillis nostris roboravimus et sigillo capituli Beverlacensis ad majorem securitatem procuravimus communiri.

Datum et actum in crastino sancti Johannis Baptiste anno Domini millesimo ducentesimo septuagesimo tercio, Hiis testibus Magistro Johanne le Cras, Magistro Roberto de Leset, Ricardo de Anlaby, Henrico tunc clerico Bederne, Rogero Ansig, Willelmo Golding, Roberto de Winteringham, Johanne de Hampton, Willelmo Morrt, clerico, et aliis.

Grant to the Light on the Beam in the Choir.

[Brit. Mus., Lansd. Ch. 214.]

c. 1250.

Grant by John Walthef, burgess of Beverley, for the light on the beam in the choir before the high altar of S. John's Beverley, of a rent of 2s. from land in Southbargate,

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Johannes Walthef burgensis Beverlaci concessi dedi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Deo et canonicis ecclesie Sancti Johannis Beverlacensis ad luminare super trabem coram summo altari in choro predicte ecclesie quemdam annuum redditum 2^s in Beverlaco in Suthbarregate, quem recipere solebam ad duos anni terminos, scilicet ad Pentecosten et ad festum Sancti Martini in hyeme, per equales portiones, de terra quam

Radulphus dictus de Bristou emit de Johanne dicto de Brystou fratre suo, jacente in latitudine inter terram Rycardi Ruffi versus orientem, et terram que aliquando fuit Inote, sororis dicti Radulphy de Brystou, versus occidentem; et in longitudine a pupplica strata ville versus partem meridionalem, usque ad guteram inter eandem terram, et terram que dudum fuit Stephani dicti de Crauncewyk versus aquilonem.

Habendum et tenendum in perpetuum in escambyum pro quodam annuo redditu 2^s^ in Beverlaco, quem Fratres Predicatores Beverlaci reddere solebant [M.S. torn] prefato ad predictos duos anni terminos . . . predictorum canonichorum pro terra quam predicti fratres habuerunt [words defaced] Et ego quidem . . . 2^s^ prenomina [the rest torn away].

in exchange for a like rent which the Friars Preachers of Beverley used to pay.

Commission from Martin IV. to the Prior of the Friars Preachers at London, the Dean of Lincoln, and the Archdeacon of Leicester, to enforce interdict of the town.*

[From Letters from Northern Registers, p. 66. Edited by J. Raine. Rolls Series.]

1282.
8 May.
Assault on the Archbishop [William Wykwane] when he went to preach at Beverley, led by two clerks, Roger of Tickhill and Richard Sabine, and Robert Inglebert and Richard English,

Martinus episcopus, etc., dilectis filiis. . . . Priori Fratrum Predicatorum London., ac decano et archidiacono Leycestre in ecclesia Lincoln., Salutem et Apostolicam benedictionem. Significavit nobis venerabilis frater noster Archiepiscopus Ebor. quod cum ipse ad villam de Beverlaco, Ebor. diocesios, temporaliter et spiritualiter sibi subjectam, accederet, ut in ecclesia ipsius ville, prout officii sui debitum exigit, populo sue cure commisso proponeret verbum Dei, Rogerus de Tykeshull et Ricardus Sabine, clerici, Robertus Ingelberti, Ricardus Inglays, laici, ac universitas ejusdem ville, vesano ducti spiritu, multiplicatis tumultibus ct conclamationibus, laxato conviciorum freno, in dictum archiepiscopum, patrem et pastorem eorum, in publico conspectu, ut est moris, ad predicandum paratum, escandere ceperunt effrontes, adeo quod, licet idem archiepiscopus omnes et singulos predictos per frequentes monitiones pio sollicitare niteretur affectu, ut ab insolentiis hujusmodi conquiescerent et etiam resilirent; quia tamen iidem impetuosius quod horribiliter inchoarunt, tanquam aspides surde obturantes aures suas, maligno continuato processu in Dei et ipsius archiepiscopi vituperium non modicum et contemptum, in tantum pertinaciter persistere presumpserunt, quod idem archiepiscopus in ecclesia ipsa sue predicationis officium prosequi ac exequi non valuit, immo potius illud deserere est coactus; propter quod memoratus archiepiscopus, quia clerici et laici ac universitas predicta super hoc moniti diligenter satisfacere contumaciter denegarunt, cum nihil rationabile proponerent quare hoc facere non deberent, et id esset ita notorium quod nulla poterat tergiversatione celari, in clericos et laicos predictos, auctoritate ordinaria, excommunicationis, et in villam ipsam interdicti sententias promulgavit: quare dictus archiepiscopus nobis humiliter supplicavit ut hujusmodi sententias robur faceremus firmitatis debitum obtinere. Quocirca discretioni vestre per Apostolica scripta mandamus quatenus sententias ipsas, sicut rationabiliter sunt prolate, facias auctoritate nostra usque ad satisfactionem condignam, appellatione remota, inviolabiliter observari. Quod si non omnes his exequendis potueritis interesse, duo vestrum ea nihilominus exequantur. Data apud Urbem Veterem, viij idus Maii, pontificatus nostri anno secundo.

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* This riot was probably connected with the Archbishop's struggle with the townsmen of Beverley over the right of common in the Archbishop's Park and Westwood. See *Beverley Town Documents*, p. xxv., Selden Society, 1900.

so that he was driven from the church.

for which the persons named were excommunicated and the town placed under an interdict.

The Pope confirms the excommunication and interdict, and directs the Commissioners to enforce them.

Dated at Orvieto.

Archbishop Wykwane to the Chapter of Beverley.

[Ibid., p. 80.]

1284.

24 Dec.

The Archbishop invites the chapter of Beverley to the translation of S. William of York.

W., permissione Divina Ebor. Archiepiscopus, Anglie primas, dilectis in Christo filiis capitulo Beverlacensi, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem.

Quam placidum, quamque Divino Numini acceptum fuerit Sanctorum corpora, sanctarum habitacula animarum que angelicis coram Christo allate preconiis eterna perenniter vivere noscuntur in patria, dignis obsequialibus venerari, inter . . . celestis illa beatitudo indicat, et trine excitationis indicium quam Sanctus Lucianns, electus Dei presbyter, urgenti sopori deditus, a Beato Gamaliele, ethereo nuncio, receperat, ut beatorum tumulos ob salutem populi patefaceret, evidenti miraculo manifestat. Ad laudem itaque Creatoris altissimi, Qui in virtute athletarum merentium piissime gloriatur, et augmentum glorie sanctorum supernorum civium, qui in tumulo honoris college cujuslibet exultant gaudentius et letantur, pretiosissimas reliquias beati presulis et gloriosi confessoris Willelmi, que in ecclesia nostra Ebor. conduntur in imo, die Dominica proxima post instans festum Epiphanie Domini, a loco . . . quo diutius recepte fuerant, Divina favente clementia, transferre intendimus ; et in celebri capsula, ut condecet, in eadem ecclesia venerabiliter collocare.

Quocirca devotionem vestram intime exhortamur, quatenus apud Deum orationes fundere meditemini humillimas, et in ecclesia vestra orari faciatis attente ut pius et misericors ipse Salvator noster annuat gratius et concedat tam sancti patris translationem prospere inchoari, laudabiliter mediari, et, benigno Ejusdem prestante suffragio, feliciter consummari, ad gloriam et exaltationem Sui nominis, Qui prefatum Sanctum Suum tante sollemnitatis decore dignum reddidit, et salubrem edificationem plebis nostro presertim commisse regimini cui prefuit idem pastor. Bene valete. Data apud Otteley, v. Kal. Januarii, anno Domini millesimo ducentesimo octogesimo quarto, et pontificatus nostri anno quinto.

*Contract for S. John's Shrine.**

[Corporation of London Letter Book A f. 86.]

Adhuc annus vicesimus.

1292.
18 October.
20 Edward I.

Die Veneris proxima post festum Sancti Michaelis lectum recognitum et irrotulatum fuit sequens scriptum in hec verba.

Contract enrolled in Mayor's Court, between Chapter of Beverley and Roger of Farringdon, apprentice of William of Farringdon, goldsmith.

Universis pateat ad quos pervenerit hec scriptura.

Inter Capitulum Beati Johannis de Beverle, ex parte una convenit, et Rogerum de Faringdon aurifabrum, servientem

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* This most interesting contract for the famous shrine of S. John of Beverley came to light in the recent Calendar of the Letter Books of the City of London by Dr. Sharpe. I am indebted to him and the Town Clerk of London for access to the original.

Willelmi de Farendon aurifabri, civis Lond[oniarum] ex altera.

Roger contracts that from gold and silver found by Chapter, but refined by him, he will make a silver-gilt shrine 5½ feet long, 1½ feet broad, and of proportionate height, beautiful, and adorned with plates and columns in architectural style with figures everywhere of size and number as the Chapter determine, and canopies and pinnacles before and behind, and other proper ornaments.

Quod idem Rogerus de argento et auro per capitulum predictum inveniendis, et per dictum Rogerum prout necesse fuerit depurandis, faciet prefato Capitulo unum feretrum novum longitudine quinque pedum et dimidie, et latitudine unius pedis et dimidie, et altitudinis proporcionate, pro Beato Johanne, patrono ecclesie de Beverle, pulcrum, aptum et ydoneum cum platis et columpnis de opere cementario et ymaginibus subtilis operis et decori, pluribus pro ejusdem capituli voluntate aut paucioribus, maioribus et minoribus, in qualibet parte feretri collocandis, et cum tabernaculis et pinnaculis partis anterioris et posterioris, et aliis subtilitatibus feretro hujusmodi et ejus pulcritudini convenientibus, ad artificium tamen spectantibus aurifabri; ita videlicet quod idem Rogerus argentum vivum, carbones et omnia alia que tam pro consolitando quam operando, et aliis pro fabrica seu construccione feretri fuerint necessaria, suis sumptibus inveniet quocumque existant seu quocumque nomine vocentur, preter argentum ad materiam feretri ut predicitur faciendam et aurum ad feretrum deaurandum.

If any figure is disapproved, he will remake it.

Et si contingat quod ymago aliqua, vel quodcumque aliud ad feretrum pertinens in opere vel in fabrica racionabiliter reprobetur, illud, quodcunque fuerit, conflabit et iterum convenienter faciet, nullam aliam mercedem exinde quam pro opere semel facto aliqualiter petiturus.

The pay to be money or silver equal in weight to each plate, column, or figure before it is gilded.

Et Capitulum predictum pro singulis platis, columpnis, ymaginacionibus et aliis circa feretrum operandis, tantum eidem Rogero nomine salarii vel mercedis in pecunia numerata vel in massa, ad equalitatem ponderis fideliter persolvet, quantum singula per ipsum Rogerum operata antequam deaurata fuerint ponderabunt : tenebitur tamen ex auro Capituli jam dicti ea postmodum deaurare, nichil amplius exacturus ab eodem Capitulo, jure convencionis, quam pondus, ut premittitur, operandorum. Promisit eciam idem Capitulum eidem Rogero, quod, si quod dampnum pro defectu solucionis vel argenti ad operandum incurrerit, sibi pro dampno hujusmodi satisfaciet competenter.

Ad quam vero solucionem in pecunia numerata, vel satisfaccione in massa eidem Rogero, ut predictum est, fideliter et absque scrupulo faciendo memoratum Capitulum obligavit se et successores suos in ecclesia predicta.

Dictus autem Rogerus promisit juramento suo corporaliter prestito, quod premissa omnia singula ipsum respiciencia fideliter pro parte sua observabit, faciet et tenebit; quodque nullum aliud opus sine voluntate et consensu Capituli, durante opere prefati feretri, in se accipiet et assumet.

Roger not to undertake any other work till the shrine is finished.

Et si Capitulum memoratum dampnum aliquod incurrerit pro defectu ipsius Rogeri promisit fideliter idem Rogerus dampnum hujusmodi dicto Capitulo in omnibus plenarie resarcire.

Invenitque ad maiorem securitatem Willelmum de Farndon, aurifabrum et civem Londiniarum, manucaptorem, qui manucepit pro dicto Rogero in omnibus premissis, quatenus eum contingunt, qui eciam pro eo dicto Capitulo se obligavit et heredes suos ac executores suos et omnia bona sua mobilia et immobilia, ubicunque fuerint inventa.

William of Farringdon becomes surety.

In quorum omnium testimonium huic scripto cirografato dictum Capitulum et predicti Rogerus et Willelmus sigilla sua apposuerunt.

Datis London xviij Octobris anno gracie m° cc° nonagesimo secundo.*

A Letter † from Archbishop Corbridge to William de Greenfield, Lord Chancellor of England.

[Letters from Northern Registers, p. 166.]

Thomas, Dei gratia, etc., dilecto in Christo filio, amico suo precordialissimo, Magistro Willelmo de Grenefeld, domini nostri regis Anglie Cancellario, et canonico ecclesie

Archbishop to William Greenfield, Chancellor of England.

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* Things were not done in a hurry in those days. This shrine would seem not to have been completed, or at least not paid for and delivered till 1308. Collections for it were going on from 1302 (vol. i. p. 3). In 1305 John the Goldsmith of the Minster was apparently engaged on the silver material of the shrine and asserted that there had been a waste of no less than £10 14s. in the weight of the silver delivered him by the Chapter for it (vol. i. 74). The new high altar was consecrated to S. John of Beverley 21 June, 1308, and it was not till then apparently that the new shrine was finished (vol. i. p. 218). It must have been a gorgeous and beautiful work.

† This is a curious epistle, being nothing less than an appeal to the Chancellor, who himself became Archbishop, to be false to the Crown in the interest of the Church. It is connected with the struggle of the Archbishop to oust the alien Provost Haymo de Carto. *See* vol. i., pp 5, 7-10, 13-17.

nostre Ebor., Salutem, cum benedictione et gratia Jhesu Christi.

Hears that Aymo de Carto, Provost of Beverley, has got royal letters to be sent to the Chancellor for issue under the Great Seal; invokes him not to let them issue as the matter is spiritual, not temporal, and their issue would derogate from the privileges of the Church.

Audivimus jam de novo quod quedam litera regia nobis dirigenda sub certo tenore pro Aymone de Carto, Preposito Beverlacensi, ad excitationem et suggestionem dicti Aymonis concepta fuerat et formata. Cujus tenorem Dominus noster rex Anglie illustris vobis remisit literis suis, quas pro dicto Aymone direxit, inclusum; inter cetera per easdem literas vobis mandans quod literam predictam sibi faceretis sub magno ipsius domini regis sigillo signari, si hoc posset fieri, bono modo, et si inventum fuerit quod ante hec tempora litera talis de cancellaria transierit, et si posset transire de jure, et absque injuria cujuscunque. Et quia factum super quo dicta forma concipitur maxime innititur gladio spirituali, nec tangit aliqualiter temporalem, nec talis litera unquam prius per cancellariam transivit (que, si ista vice concederetur, in maximum cederet nostre et totius ecclesie Dei, et precipue Anglicane, prejudicium et injuriam, ac enervationem ecclesiastice libertatis), rogamus specialiter amicitiam vestram caram quatenus ex quo casus iste per dominum nostrum regem, ut audivimus, discretioni vestre committitur, providere velitis quod nulla litera de cancellaria exeat per quam juri nostro et ecclesie nostre Ebor., necnon et Cantuariensis, et totius ecclesie Anglicane, possit in aliquo derogari; nec movere vos debent verba aliorum de curia quia melius scitis hujusmodi literas ponderare, et que damna et injurie ex his literis talibus poterunt prelatis et toti ecclesie provenire. Bene valete. Data apud North-Cave, iij. nonas Aprilis, Pontificatus nostri anno quinto.

A License from Archbishop Greenfield to John of Rolleston, Vicar (Choral), in Beverley Minster, on his bearing the banner of S. John of Beverley against the Scotch.

[*Ibid.*, p. 198.]

1310.
24 Aug.
The vicar to be allowed to enjoy the fruits of his vicarage and also of a chantry held by him in the minster as if he were resident.

W., etc., dilecto filio Johanni de Rolleston, vicario nostro in ecclesia nostra Beverlacensi, ac capellano cantarie fraternitatis Sancti Nicholai ejusdem, Salutem et benedictionem.

Quia ex precepto domini nostri regis Anglie illustris te oportet cum vexillo Beati Johannis Beverlacensis secum in guerram suam Scotie proficisci, ut, durante tempore absentie tue, ex causa predicta, ea que ratione vicarie ac cantarie predictarum tibi in ecclesia nostra Beverlacensi debentur nullatenus subtrahantur, te ex causa predicta absentandi licentiam tibi concedimus specialem; nostris subditis in dicta ecclesia injungentes, quatenus corrodium et cetera, que tibi ratione vicarie et cantarie predictarum debentur, ea occasione subtrahere non presumant. Vale. Data apud Beverlacum, v. kalendas Septembris, anno gratie millesimo ccc° decimo, et pontificatus nostri quinto.

A Letter from Archbishop Greenfield to the Chapter of Beverley.

[*Ibid.*, p. 234.]

1314.
6 Dec.
Canon John of Dunnington has without license erected a stone altar at the head of S. John's tomb, which, as the Archbishop found at recent visitation seriously interferes with the access of visitors to the tomb.

Willelmus, etc., dilectis filiis . . . . Capitulo ecclesie nostre Beverlacensis, Salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Nuper ecclesiam nostram predictam jure ordinario visitantes, inter alia comperimus quod dilectus filius, Dominus Johannes de Dunyngton, canonicus ecclesie memorate, altare lapideum ad caput tumbe Sancti Johannis, nostro ac vestro irrequesito consensu, quasi proprio motu erexit, per cujus erectionem accessus ad tumbam predictam, per ejusdem altaris erectionem, frequentius impeditur. Et nos ipsi, dicto die, tempore visitationis nostre, ad accedendum more solito ad tumbam predictam per ejusdem altaris erectionem fuimus impediti: et nihilominus ejusdem altaris erectio in loco predicto non est decens neque complacens aspectui concurrentium fidelium, prout fama didicimus referente.

Remove it,

Quocirca vobis mandamus, in virtute obedientie firmiter injungentes, quatenus receptis presentibus altare predictum faciatis totaliter amoveri, non permittentes de cetero per prefatum Dominum Johannem, seu quemvis alium, altare ibidem erigi, aut obstaculum vel impedimentum quodlibet interponi, quominus Christi fideles, ad ipsam ecclesiam confluentes, ad tumbam predictam libere accedere valeant, ut solebant. Si vero dictus Johannes altare in ecclesia nostra, prout tam a nobis quam a vobis licentiam petiit et obtinuit, causa devotionis erigere voluerit, ad Divini cultus augmentum,

letting him build one somewhere else if he wants to do so.

locum honestum et sufficientem ac decentem pro hujus erectione altaris sibi, cum per eum requisiti fueritis, assignetis. Valete. Data apud Cawod, viij. idus Decembris, anno gratie m° ccc^{mo} quartodecimo, et pontificatus nostri nono.

The Order of Fair Ease.

[Political songs, John to Edward II. Edited by T. Wright. Camden Soc. 1839, p. 137, from Harl. 2253, f. 120b.]

c. 1330. The story of a new order, very delicious,

Qui vodra a moi entendre
Oyr purra a apprendre
L'estoyre d'un ordre novel
Que mout est delitous e bel.

. . . . . .

which takes its rules from all other orders,

L'ordre est si foundé a droit
Qe de tous ordres un point estroit
Ni ad ordre en cest mound
Dont si n'i ad ascun point.

. . . . . .

called the Order of Fair Ease.

Cest l'ordre de Bel Eyse.

From Beverley they take this point that they drink well at dinner, again at supper, and at collation everyone has a candle an ell long and continues to drink hard till it has burnt down to the last gutter.

l. 61. De Beverleye ont un point treit
Qe serra tenu bien e dreit,
Pur beyvre bien a mangier
E pus après desqu'a souper
E après al collacioun,
Deit chascun aver un copoun
De chandelle long desqu'al coute
Et tant come remaindra goute
De la chandeille a arder,
Deivent les frers a beyvre ser ;

Mr. Wright's note by a triple error says : "The *Monks* of Beverley were the *Franciscans*." But the Franciscans are satirised afterwards as the Freres Menours who practised poverty by always staying with the richest persons in the country. The author knew perfectly well no doubt that the Beverley people were neither monks or friars, but secular canons. It was the name Beverley which suggested a connection with Bevers, a drinking time—a term and time in use at Winchester and Eton up to thirty years ago, and a term or time that suggested this point in the rule of the Order.

l. 114. Des Chanoygnes Seculars
Qe dames servent volenters
Ont nos mestres un point treit,
E veuillent que cet point seit
Bien tenuz et bien uséez :
Quar c'est le point bien sachez
Que plus ad en l'Ordre mester
Pur les freres solacer.
Si est, sur eschumygement
Comaundé molt estroitement,
Que chescun frere a sa sorour
Deit fere le giw d'amour
Devant matines adescement
E apres matines ensement;
Et s'il le fet avant son departyr
Troiz foiz a soun pleysyr
Ja le frere blame ne avera
Ne le Ordre enpeyré serra.

From the canons secular, whom ladies willingly serve, our masters have taken a point which is well used : that each brother solaces a sister, on pain of excommunication.

THE PROVOST'S BOOK.

[In possession of the Vicar of Beverley Minster ; shown in a glass case in the Minster.]

Liber tractatus diversarum evidentiarum tangentium dignitatem beneficium et dominia Preposituræ Ecclesie collegiate Beati Johannis Beverlaci antiquitus fundate in comitatu Eboraci in quadam patria vocata Dayira, viz. in silva Deyirorum, tempore Lucii illustrissimi Regis Britannie, primi Christiani regis ejusdem filii Coil Regis Paganorum, uncti ab Eleutherio papa [blank in MS.] post Petrum, anno Domini nostri Jesu Christi filii Dei Patris omnipotentis creatoris celi et terre cum Sancto Spiritu, secundum computationem Ecclesie Anglicane cxxvi. ; postea destructe per paganos Orsam et Engestum ; et iterum renovate et fundate per predictum Beatum Johannem, Archiepiscopum Eboracensem, et in monasterium* nigrorum monachorum, sanctimonialium vir-

A treatise of different muniments bearing on the dignity, benefice and lordships of the Provostry of the Collegiate Church of S. John.

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* In margin : In cujus abbatie Abbatem Sanctus Brithunus consecratus est primus.

ginum, et aliorum diversorum ministrorum, vij. Presbiterorum secularium Deo servientium ordinate: viz. anno Domini [blank in MS.]; ac etiam iterum destructe per Paganos Hubbam et Ingwarum, Danos, filios Swayn, Regis Danorum; deinde reformate et augmentate per illustrissimum Regem Anglie Adthelstanum, qui diversis privilegiis donis et beneficiis dictam ecclesiam dotavit. Et sic dotata honorifice remansit sub gubernatione vii. canonicorum regularium* usque adventum Willelmi dicti Bastardi Conquestoris et Regis, et sic usque annum Domini $\text{m}^{\text{o}}\text{iiii}^{\text{xx}}\text{ii}$. Et tunc annuente Rege Willelmo, dicto Rufo, Anglie, Thomas Archiepiscopus, dictus senior, de consensu canonicorum et aliorum quorum interfuit Thomas nepos ejusdem Domini Archiepiscopi sacerdos dictus† [junior]‡ primus Prepositus ordinatus fuit.

Cui successit beate memorie Thirstinus; cui Thomas dictus Normannus, cui Robertus; cui Thomas§ Beket Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus; cui alius Robertus; cui Galfridus; cui Simon; cui Fulco Basset; cui Johannes Chesull, cui Willelmus de Eboraco; cui Johannes Maunsell; cui Alanus; cui Morganus Prepositus; cui Venerabilis Pater et Dominus, Dominus Petrus de Cestria, qui plura tenementa redditus et servicia dicte prepositure et prepositis ejusdem perquisivit ac implementa diversa bonorum et catallorum in omnibus maneriis dicte prepositure viva et mortua demisit; cui Haymo de Carto; cui Magister Robertus de Alburwyk; cui Dominus Willelmus de Melton; cui Dominus Nicholaus de Hugate; cui Magister Willelmus de la Mare; cui dominus Ricardus de Ravenser; cui Magister Adam Lynbergh; cui venerabilis et circumspectus vir Magister Johannes de Thoresby; cui nobilis ac venerabilis pater et vir circumspectus Magister Robertus‖ Manfeld, Prepositus, prebendarius prebende Sancti Jacobi, presidens capituli, Canonicus Residentiarius ejusdem ecclesie, Prebendarius prebende de Husthwayt ecclesie cathedralis Eboracensis; prebendarius prebende de [word erased in

Provost Robert Manfeld, Prebendary of Husthwayte, York; of S. Paul's; of Cressall. S. Martin's le Grand,

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* Regularium is scratched through and above it is written "cum amicis," i.e. secular canons with amices. Somebody has been tampering in late ink with this word. There is no doubt that the correction is right. There were never any but secular canons, whose distinctive dress was the grey amice.

† Original note: tempore cujus primo inhibite sunt uxores presbiterorum in Anglia.

‡ Word erased, probably junior.

§ Above is written Sanctus Th[omas], and in a marginal note: Nota. Venerabilis Archiepiscopus Cant. fuit prepositus Beverlaci etc.

‖ Marginal note: hujus nominis quartus prepositus.

MS.]* ecclesie Sancti Pauli London.; prebendarius prebende de Cressall in ecclesia Sancti Martini Magni London.; persona ecclesie de Hakenay et magister libere capelle de Maldon. Cujus tempore dictus tractatus compilatus fuit per Simonem Russell, anno Domini m°ccccxvi. mense Januarii etc.; quo tempore dictus Dominus Prepositus stetit pacifice cum dicta ecclesia et omnibus ministris ejus, omnibus corrodiis, oneribus ordinariis et extraordinariis plene persolutis.

London; rector of Hackney and master of the Free Chapel of Maldon.

Compiled by Simon Russell, Jan. $141\frac{6}{7}$.

Cui pertinent ratione beneficii prepositure

Presentationes [vel collationes]† cum vacationibus beneficiorum in ecclesia Beati Johannis Beverlacensis viz.

Precentoris taxati ad‡
Cancellarii taxati ad‡
Sacriste taxati ad‡

vii. personarum in eadem ecclesia quondam vocatorum clericorum Berefellari et cetera.

Sancta sinoda annuatim solempniter celebranda in Bederna Beverlaci bis, viz. ad festa Pache et Sancti Michaelis, cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus, et multatione absentium, in quo tenentur apparere et adesse viz. persona de Patrington etc.

Synod twice a year at the Bedern, with its perquisites and fines for absentees.

j (b) Visitatio personalis Domini Prepositi per totam libertatem Prepositure, vel ejus officialis, annuatim ad placitum suum ordinandum ut plenius patet in Registro.

Personal visitation of the Provostry by himself or his Official yearly.

Capitula infra Bedernam et alibi cum correctionibus cognitione et punitione ordinaria omnimodarum causarum ad ea pertinentium.

Chapters in the Bedern and elsewhere with cognizance and correction of all causes in it.

Probationes testamentorum omnium et singulorum discedentium infra et super feodum et libertates dicte prepositure tam infra Burgum et villam Beverlaci quam extra in omnibus locis per aquam et terram; assignationes et auditus computuum executorum cum acquietancia et dimissione, et cetera omnia ad ea pertinentia per se seu officiarium ejusdem ad hoc assignatum.

Probate of wills of those dying on the fee or in the liberties of the Provostry in the borough of Beverley or without.

Dispositio et ordinatio bonorum omnium et singulorum occisorum, submersorum, intestatorum, seu aliquo alio modo per infortunium discedentium.

Administration of the goods of those killed, drowned or otherwise dying by accident.

Visum (*sic*) corporis eorumdem per suum coronatorem, cum deodandis et inquisitionibus omnimodis et omnibus aliis

View of their bodies by his coroner, with deodands and inquests as pertains to the King's coroner in the realm.

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* This should be Browneswood, which prebend was held by Manfeld, 19 Feb., $140\frac{9}{10}$—1419.

† These words are interlined.

‡ Blank in original.

plene exequendis infra libertatem dicte prepositure, prout ad aliquem coronatorem Domini Regis pertinet infra Regnum Anglie.

Subsidies from the benefices of the church.

Subsidia omnium beneficiorum dicte ecclesie collegiate Beati Johannis Beverlaci personarum et vicariorum prepositure, causis rationalibus et ordinariis urgentibus.

Presentations to churches, synodals, Peter's pence from bond or free in the Provostry having goods to the value of 5s.

Presentationes ecclesiarum, pensionariarum, cum denariis sinodalibus, et denariis Beati Petri vocatis Romepenys, tam liberorum quam bondorum, et omnium infra et super feodum et libertates dicte prepositure moram trahentium qui habuit catalla seu bona propria ad valentiam v^{s}.

Obedience from all rectors, vicars, chantry priests, etc. celebrating on the fee within the town or without.

Obedientia licitis et canonicis mandatis omnium personarum, vicariorum, capellanorum, cantariarum, parochialium, annualium divina celebrantium infra omnes ecclesias, capellas, cantarias, oratoria, infra dicta feodum et libertates prepositure infra villam Beverlaci et extra, ac omnium clericorum parochialium etc.

Licences for non-residence, for travel, or to attend school to the same.

Tollerantia seu licentia eorundem de non residendo, perigrinando, scolis utendo, et hujusmodi etc.

Licences for exchange of livings.

Licentia permutandi cum omnibus ad eandem accidentibus et pertinentibus.

Mortuaries of same, viz.: palfrey, breviary, or other best good, or its price at the Provost's choice.

Mortuaria omnium predictorum personarum, vicariorum et hujusmodi, discedentium, viz. palafridus, portiferium, aut aliud optimum bonum, seu pretium ejusdem, in electione Domini Prepositi.

Full jurisdiction temporal and spiritual over them and their families.

Jurisdictio plena temporalis et spiritualis eorundem, ac totius familie cum eisdem residentis et commorantis, super et infra mansiones eorundem et tenentium suorum, infra dicta preposituram.

Advowsons, presentations, admissions, and privations with all jurisdiction of the churches mentioned.

Advocationes, presentationes, [sive collationes]* admissiones, inductiones, institutiones, [destitutiones privationes propter demerita],* cum jurisdictione temporali et spirituali personarum ecclesiarum de

Patrington	taxate ad	xl^{li}
Seglesthorn	,,	xl^{mcs}
Halsham	,,	x^{li}
Brandesburton	,,	xx^{mcs}
S. Nicholai Beverlaci	,,	x^{mcs}
Leven	,,	xx^{mcs}

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* Interlined

Midilton	,,	xl^{mcs}
Southdalton	,,	xxiiij^{mcs}
Northburton	,,	xxx^{mcs}
Vicaria de Wellewyk.		

Admissiones, inductiones, institutiones, [destitutiones et privationes],* cum jurisdictione predicta et mortuariis personarum, ecclesiarum de

Admissions, etc. of Leconfield, Scorburgh and Ryse.

f. 2.

Lekynfeld taxate ad		x^{li}
Scorburgh	,,	viii^{mcs}
Rys	,,	c^{s}

Presentatio capellani cantarie de Bilton in Holdernesse, Domine Priorisse de Swyne, quondam Abbatisse in antiquis bullis papalibus, cum jurisdictione ejusdem capellani familie ejus et omnium aliorum hominum et mulierum commorantium super feodum et libertates predicte prepositure ibidem, cui Domine Priorisse pertinent admissio inductio et institutio ejusdem.

Presentation of the chaplain of Bilton in Holderness to the Prioress, formerly Abbess of Swine.

Admissio, inductio, institutio cum jurisdictione capellani cantarie Sancti Spiritus in Northburton;
Capellani cantarie de Sudcotes;
Capellani cantarie de Otringham.

Admission of chantry chaplains in Cherry Burton, Southcotes and Ottringham.

Ordinatio et officium officialis Decani clerici capellanorum summonitorum prepositure; coronatoris, eschaetoris, Feodarii et Warrennarii totius prepositure.

Auditorium computuum Seneschalli Curie Bederne, et omnium aliarum curiarum, cum tornis Vicecomitis bis per annum, ballivorum forinsicorum, intrinsecorum, cocorum, pincernarum, squillarum, janitorum ac Gaolorum dicte Bederne, et etiam aurifabri et cementarii in feodo ad terminum vite ac modo defalcatorum per novam ordinationem,† etc.

Audit of the accounts of the steward of the Bedern Court with sheriff's tourns, of bailiffs, cooks, butlers, gaolers, goldsmith and mason lately abolished.

Cognitio et determinatio omnimodorum actionum, placitorum, assisarum, tam inter tenentem et tenentem quam dominum et tenentem, seu aliquem alium aliquid prepositure pertinens petentem.

Cognizance of actions between tenant and tenant, and tenant and lord.

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* Interlined.

† *i.e.* by Abp. Arundel's Statutes, p. 275.

Return of writs, assize of bread and beer and of measures, toll, wayleave, fishery, hawking, warren.

Returnum brevium cum assisa panis et servicie, probatione ponderum, mensurarum, buschellorum, virgarum; tolnetum de omnibus rebus tollenariis infra feodum et libertates preposituræ, tam infra villam et Burgum Beverlaci quam extra, apud Siglesthorn et Leven cum chiminagio ibidem vocato Gatlagh;* cum piscaria, aucupatione; et warrennum (*sic*) per totam preposituram predictam; cum punitione foristallariorum, latronum, felonum, transgressionum carnificum, pistorum; cum soko saka toll et thema infangentheffe, outfangtheffe, cum omnibus et singulis punitionibus, turnis Vicecomitum accidentibus et pertinentibus; assisa panis, vini, servisie, wreckum maris, Humbre, et omnimodi pisces regales; forisfacture una cum catallis felonum et fugitivorum et animalia que dicuntur wayffe et stray.

Fealty, homage, &c., of free tenants.

Fidelitates, homagia, relevia ward, maritagia, eschaeta omnium libere tenentium prepositure.

Escapes of felons, gaol-deliveries, fines for fornication, marriage, &c., pleas and assises between tenants whether in courts at Westminster or before justices in eyre.

Escapia felonum de Gaola Bederne Beverlaci et alibi infra dictam preposituram; deliberatio dicte Gaole, chevachium, lechyrwyta, marcheta, talliagia bondorum, secta prisonum finium pro respectatione servicii, secte curiarum, gressum, relevium, calumpnie omnium placitorum et assisarum inter dominum et tenentem, tenentem et tenentem seu alium, ut supra, tam in curia Domini Regis apud Westmonasterium [coram] Baronibus Scaccarii† quam coram Justiciariis itinerantibus, seu aliis ministris Domini Regis in comitatu, per totum Regnum Anglie; seu quibuscunque letis, visis franciplegii, curiis, wappentagiis, Halmotis alicujus libertatis Dominorum spiritualium vel temporalium.

Election of constables, bailiffs of manors, woods, sewers, with fines for defaults, for trespasses of swankeepers, &c.

Electio constabulorum, prepositorum maneriorum, grangiarum, collectorum denariorum, prepositorum morarum, agistatorum et prepositorum boscorum dominicalium, fossatarum, sewerarum, viarum, pontium, gripparum cum amerciamentis defectuum, transgressionum custodum cignorum, messorum, et omnium aliorum ministrorum qualitercumque Dominis pertinentium; cum tastatoribus panis et servicie, et omnibus defectibus per eosdem presentandis puniendis et amerciendis; ac etiam pluribus aliis libertatibus Domino preposito et prepositure concessis et usitatis; ut patet per cartas excellentissimorum Principum Regum Britannie et Anglie, de antiquo ac novo datis concessis, confirmatis, exemplificatis, et ratificatis cum clausulis etc. de licet* etc.

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* *i.e.* way-leave.

† Interlined.

f. 2b.—Tharlesthorp, Well, Weton, Munkwyk.

Anno Edwardi Tertii xlvij. Munkwyk.

Coroner's view of body of person accidentally burnt.

Item ibidem Inquisitio capta apud Munkwyk die Luna proxima post festem S. Gregorii Pape anno predicto coram Johanne Fenton, coronatore libertatis prepositure, etc., facientis visum corporis Juliane filie Walteri, per infortunium ignis combustione mortui, etc.

Weton.

3 Ric. II. Plea of trespass.

Item anno ejusdem Ricardi tertio Willelmus de Hoton queritur de Ricardo Hudesson, Stephano Wilkok, Ricardo Odesson, Matheo Est, Willelmo Wilkok, Alicia Sampson, Johanne Cayre, Henrico Geldyng, Henrico filio Simonis, Agnete Ward, Matilda Wilkok, Ricardo atte Bylyth, Matilda Smyth cum Stephano de Sandryk et Stephano Tokke, de placito transgressionis.

Qui omnes convicti sunt, et defendentes in misericordia.

Omnes isti supradicti fatebantur se teneri et solvere prefato Willelmo de Hoton pro dampno sibi illato per eosdem cum diversis animalibus suis, infra clausum ipsius Willelmi separale.

Propter quod Willelmus filius Stephani, qui nominatus est in curia proxima precedente, Ricardus Odesson et Stephanus de Sandryk; quorum quilibet fatetur solvere eidem Willemo xiijs. iiijd. ad voluntatem ipsius Willelmi, pro dampno temporis transacti levando: et similiter pro qualibet bestia eorundem de cetero capta infra clausum predictum pro quolibet termino vjd. Domino Preposito, et totidem predicto Willelmo.

Well.

4 Ric. II. Homage by tenants at Welwick.

Item anno regni Regis Ricardi iiij^{to} Willelmus Carter de Well fecit Domino homagium suum pro tenementis in Well, que tenet de Domino pro servitio forinseco, secta curie etc.

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* *i.e.* the clause that non-user of the privilege should not vitiate the privilege.

Item ibidem Stephanus att Sandrik fecit Domino homagium suum pro terris et tenementis in Wellwyk.

Reperta in rotulo Curie Bederne anno regni Regis Edwardi tertii x°.

Extract from Bedern Court Roll 10 Edward III.

Proclamatum est Dominum Johannem de Shirburne de Well pro homagio et servitio etc.

Item rotulo anno etc. m°cclxxix Robertus Warde de Well dat pro ingressu terre sue ibidem vjs. viijd.

Munkwyk.

1287. Widow of Sir William de Roos pays 2 marks for relief.

Item anno Domini m°cc octogesimo vij° Relicta Domini Willelmi de Roos pro Munkwyk pro relevio ij marcas.

Tharlesthorp.

Fealty for lands in Tharlesthorp.

Item anno Edwardi tertii xlviij Henricus Fraunceys de Tharlesthorp fecit fidelitatem quod se tenere de Domino j toftum cum pertinentiis in Tharlesthorp reddendo per annum . . . . . iij^{d}

Item ibidem Alicia Scoull tenet ibidem centum acras terre, que quondam fuerunt Willelmi de Tunstall per fidelitatem homagium et forinsecum servitium, reddendo per annum . . . v^{s} iiij^{d}

Rogerus Scoule tenet ibidem j toftum per idem servitium, reddendo per annum . . . iij^{d}

f. 3.—Tharlethorp. Well. Weton. Munkwyk.

f. 3 b-5.—Otringham. Bilton. Wassand.

f. 5 b-7 b.—Leven. Syglesthorne. Routhe. Seton. Brandesburton.

f. 8-10.—Scorburgh. Lokyngton. Belagh. Raulynhous.

f. 10-11 b.—Mollescroft. Santon.

f. 12-12 b.—Walkyngton.

f. 13.—Blank.

f. 14-15 b.—Midilton. Howald.

f. 16-16 b.—Burton. Kyblyngcotes. Raventhorp. Newton. Northdalton.

f. 17-18 b.—Flynton. Drypole. Bewyk. Sudcotes. Bersewyk. Sutton.

Bersewyk paid 1200 eels by W. of Burton for half the lordship.
do. by Th. of Bersewyk for other half.

f. 19.—Blank.
f. 19 b 21.—Rysceby. Driffeld. Kenyngthorp.
f. 21 b.—Blank.
f. 22-24 b. Hoton. Crauncewyka.

Rental of the Provostry in the borough of Beverley.

f. 25.—Rentale Prepositure infra Burgum Beverlaci solvendum ad terminos Sancti Martini, Pentecoste et Natalis Domini.

Beksyde.

In primis, de Johanne Brompton pro uno tenemento in quo manet juxta molendinum de Ragbroke, quod dudum fuit Johannis Boldyng, nuper Ade Barber, per annum terminis Martini et Pentecoste equaliter . . . . xij^{d}

De eodem pro introitu porte sue ibidem, per annum . . . . iiij^{d}

De uno crofto quondam Isabelle Goldyng et Rogeri Molendinarii, et quondam Roberti Fossett, aliquando Roberti Dosy, prout jacet inter cimiterium ecclesie Sancti Nicholai et quamdam venellam que ducit del Personbryg usque dictam ecclesiam Sancti Nicholai, per annum terminis predictis . . vij^{s} 6^{d}

De Johanne Ingylby cum vj^{d} pro domo in qua Willelmus Goldyng nuper inhabitavit, vj^{d} pro uno tofto nuper Dowsyngtoft, et ij^{s} pro uno crofto juxta Mantholm, quondam ejusdem Willelmi G. predicti, modo in tenura Petri Whyte . . . . . iij^{s}

De Thoma Whyte pro uno tenemento juxta le Bekhead . . . . j^{d}

De Petro Whyte pro uno tenemento in quo inhabitat cum duobus parcenariis suis, quondam Rogeri Cloke, &c. . . . . . xij^{d}

De eodem Petro pro uno tenemento quondam Ade Tyrwhyte junioris, antea Johanne Goldyng, aliquando Walteri Bursay, nuper Willelmi de Beverley, postea Ade Tundew . . . xiiij^{d}

De eodem Petro pro molendino cum domo et pertinentiis, vocato Ragbrukemyln, eidem dimisso ad certum tempus per dominum et Capitulum .	vjs^s viij^d
De heredibus Ricardi Tyrwhyte pro uno tofto quondam Thome Waghne, quod solebat reddere per se, per annum vij^d obolum, j tofto quondam Willelmi de Burton quod reddere solebat per annum iij^d obolum, j tofto quondam Alani Watson quod solebat reddere per annum xiiij^d; que omnia quondam fuerunt Thome Jolyff, per annum . .	ij^s j^d
De heredibus predicti Ricardi pro uno tenemento quondam Mabille Stersman, in quo Robertus Holm nuper manebat, quondam Rogeri Stersman et aliquando Thome de Ake	xij^d
De heredibus predictis pro medietate unius tofti et crofti nunc herbagii totaliter, unus Robertus Tyrwhyte tenet alteram medietatem, quondam Johannis Tyrwhyte, aliquando Thome Grovall et Willelmi Godson, per annum . . .	ij^s vj^d
De Roberto Tyrwhyte pro altera medietate ejusdem, per annum	ij^s vj^d
De eodem Roberto pro j tenemento ex opposito finis magni pontis, quondam Johannis Tyrwhyte, aliquando Stephani de Grymesby, per annum .	vj^d
De eodem Roberto pro solario suo versus occidentem, quondam Johannis Tyrwhyte . .	xij^d
De eodem Roberto pro solario suo versus orientem, quondam ejusdem Johannis	iij^d
De eodem Roberto pro uno tenemento quondam Johannis Steresman	iij^d
De eodem Roberto pro porcione terre que fuit Willelmi Belson	vij^d
De eodem Roberto pro tenemento quondam Roberti de Seton, quondam Johannis Manby, antea Wiilelmi Beleson	ij^d ob.
De eodem Roberto pro tenemento quondam Johannis Manby, in quo Johannis Bentle manet .	v^d
De eodem Roberto pro tenemento quondam Nicholai Allerton	xij^d
De heredibus Thome Tyrwhyte pro j tenemento quondam Johannis Boynton	viij^d
De eisdem pro j tenemento quondam ejusdem Johannis	ij^s

De eisdem pro j alio tenemento quondam ejusdem Johannis in quo inhabitavit	ij^{s} iij^{d}	
f. 25b.—De eisdem pro j tenemento scito super corner de Holmkyrklane quondam Johannis Stersman	ix^{d}	
De heredibus Thome Lumbard pro tenemento quondam Johannis Payne	iij^{d}	
De eisdem pro j crofto vocato Heryngcroft .	vjs^{s}	
De eisdem pro porcione terre Johannis Belson vocate Hallecroft ad terminum Natalis Domini .	viij^{d}	
De heredibus Willelmi Rolleston pro capitali mesuagio suo quondam Juliane Rolleston, per annum	iij^{d}	
De j tenemento quondam Juliane Rolleston predicte, recuperato per breve de cessavit tempore Domini Ricardi de Ravenser, quod solebat reddere ab antiquo cum edificatum fuit vj^{s}		
Quia in manu domini pro defectu tenencium .	nichil	
De Johanne Brigg, jure uxoris sue, pro j domo tegularie nuper in tenura Willelmi de Rolleston juxta le Beke, nuper heredum Thome Dake, quondam Mabille Steresman	xij^{d}	Tilery or Brick-field.
De heredibus Nicholai Palmer pro uno tenemento ad finem de Parsonbryge, eidem dimisso ad firmam per scriptum domini et Capituli ad certum tempus, per annum	ij^{s}	
De Ricardo de Beverley pro capitali mesuagio suo vocato Quynsmershall	ij^{d}	
De heredibus Johannis Mayre pro tenemento suo quondam Willelmi Beleson	v^{d}	
De persona ecclesie Sancti Nicholai pro tenemento quondam Ricardi Paa . . .	vj^{d}	
De Ricardo de Beverley pro duobus tegulariis quondam Margarate Humbercolte, postea Stephani Copandale, postea Rogeri de Ruston . .	viij^{s}	
De herbagio Provestengys occupato per dominum, nuper in tenura Johannis Elward . . .	x^{s}	
De Capellano Cantarie Beate Marie in ecclesia Sancti Nicholai pro uno gallo et tribus gallinis ad festum Natalis Domini, vel eisdem, in voluntate domini	vij^{d} ob.	
De Petro Whyte pro uno gardino ibidem, nuper		

in tenura Johannis de Skeryn, aliquando in tenura Ricardi Pynder, ad voluntatem domini . . ij^s

De Thoma Whyte juniore pro tenemento suo, quondam Thome Barwald Ricardi et Radulphi Palmer . . . . xij^d

Keldegate.

Bedern.

From the Berfellars in the Bedern.

De personis ecclesie Beati Johannis pro tenementis suis infra clausum Bederne, per annum , . vj^s viij^d

De Johanne Tikell jure uxoris sue ibidem quondam Pauli de Butby, ad terminum anni . . xiij^s iiij^d

De Johanne Downham pro uno tofto vasto, quondam Ade Copandale junioris, antea Johannis Porter, ibidem, per annum, nuper recuperato per breve de cessavit tempore domini Ricardi Ravynser . . iiij^s iiij^d

The Master of S. Mary's Gild.

De heredibus Johannis Wythornwyk et Magistri Gilde Beate Marie pro uno solario versus orientem, xvj^d, terre que fuit Nicholai Paulyn iiij^d, et j placea sua que solebat reddere v^d, sic inter se equaliter . ij^s j^d

The Master of the Minster Fabric.

De magistro fabrice ecclesie Beati Johannis pro j tenemento nuper in tenura Johannis de Fenton, antea Willelmi de Bradley . . . . . ij^s

Markytmoorgate.

De Elena de Ake pro j gardino ibidem, nuper Ade filii Willelmi Copandale . . . . . xij^d

De uno gardino ibidem recuperato per breve de cessavit [tempore] Ricardi Ravynser, nunc in tenura Willelmi Potyger pro x^s per annum, quondam in tenura Thome de Kelke, postea in tenura Johannis de Kelke, quod solebat reddere per annum . . iij^s vj^d

De heredibus Johannis Kelke pro uno gardino ibidem . . . . xij^d

Mynstyrmurgate.

De Johanne Nowre pro una parcella gardini Bedderne per annum, dimissa ad voluntatem . iij^s vj^d

The Precentor's house.

De Presentore ecclesie Beati Johannis Beverlaci, pro tenemento suo ibidem, per annum . . xij^{d}

The Chancellor's house.

De Cancellario pro quadam placea situata ex parte occidentali venelle, que vocatur Ryngandlan, dimissa per annum domino Roberto Bryde Cancellario ad terminum x annorum . . . . . ij^{s}

The Master of S. Giles'.

De Priore de Wartyr sive de magistro domus Sancti Egidii pro duobus tenementis ibidem, per annum . ij^{s}

De heredibus Ricardi de Selby pro uno tenemento spectanti beneficio predicto, nunc in tenura Willelmi Scott et reddere debet per annum . . ij^{s} vj^{d} ob.

De duobus tenementis quondam Rogeri Porter et Henrici Spencer nunc in tenura Thome Lumbard, per annum . . . . . . vj^{s}

S. Anne's Chantry.

De custode Fabrice ecclesie pro tenemento quondam Willelmi Seton, amortizato fabrice ecclesie predicte pro Cantaria Sancte Anne . . . xij^{d}

f. 26 b.—De eodem custode pro iij tenementis ibidem connexis et appropriatis pro dicta Cantaria Sancte Anne, que quondam fuerunt Henrici de Bedern, Willelmi Bell, Johannis Rymyswell et Walteri Yole, per annum . . . . ij^{s} vj^{d}

De heredibus Margarete de Selby pro uno gardino quondam Roberti Yver, per annum . . . iij^{s}

S. Katharine's Chantry.

De capellano Cantarie Sancte Katerine de una placea, cum pertinentiis suis et appendiciis libertatibus et asyamentis suis, jacente in Mynstyrmurgate in Beverlaco in longitudine a communi via usque ad communem gutturam ville, et in latitudine a communi venella qua itur a predicta via usque ad ecclesiam Sancti Egidii ex parte una, et terram Johannis de Luda ex parte altera, per annum terminis Martini et Pentecostes, ut patet in quadam carta Laurencii de Clifford . . . . . iiij^{s}

Item prius est seisita in manu domini dicta venella etc.

Lathgate.

Lairgate.

De heredibus Thome Kelke et Johannis Kelke pro uno tenemento quondam Radulphi Hayfeld postea Thome Kelke, per annum . . . viij^{d}

De heredibus Willelmi Brakyn pro uno tenemento ibidem, per annum . . . . xij^{d}

Hengate (?)

Hegate.

De Thoma Spysar pro tenemento nuper Thome Lowth, quondam Thome Scruton, antea Roberti de Grymesby . . . . . . xviij^{d}

De Thoma Skypwyth pro tenemento nuper Ricardi Holm, quondam Roberti de Burton le Mercer, antea Thome de Humbyrcolt, antea Roberti Poster, per annum . . . . . iiij^{s}

De heredibus Ade Copandale pro uno tenemento quondam Willelmi Goldsmyth, postea Ricardi Cardoyle . . . . , . iiij^{s} iiij^{d}

Norwood.

Norwode.

f. 27.—De uno tenemento quondam in tenura Willelmi Lentyn, pro ij^{s} viij^{d} tempore domini Johannis Thuresby per dimissionem ad voluntatem, postea venit in manum domini etc. et dimissa ad firmam per annum Johanni Creswell et aliis pro . viij^{s}

De Ricardo Barett pro j gardino nuper Johannis Hayrer existente in manu domini per eschaetam, ad voluntatem domini . . . . . . xviij^{d}

De Thoma Copandale pro uno mesuagio juxta versus occidentem nuper Ade Copandale senioris, quondam Willelmi Mylner, per annum . . xij^{d}

De eodem Thoma pro uno tenemento juxta Stapylappylgarth, quondam Johannis Dryffeld . . xij^{d}

De eodem Thoma pro certis terris in Aldford, quondam Willelmi Norwode . . . . ij^{s} vj^{d}

De Nicholao Ryse pro una placea juxta placeam domini, nuper dimissa Willelmo Purser, modo in tenura Johannis Bole, quondam Thome de Ryse . xij^{d}

De eodem Nicholao Rise pro uno tenemento quondam Thome Fyrsmaske . . . . xij^{d}

De Johanne Bole pro uno tenemento ibidem . xij^{d}

De Willelmo Sledmer pro j mesuagio quondam Walteri Froste . . . . . . ij^{s}

De Roberto Lyofe pro j tenemento juxta ex parte occidentali	ij^{s}	
De Johanne Downham pro j tenemento juxta, quondam Roberti Alkbarow, quondam Isabelle de Newton	xviij^{d}	
De Domino Johanne Donyour pro ij tenementis quondam magistri Thome de Rowth et Thome Cato	iij^{s} viij^{d}	
De Johanne Downham pro introitu ab alba via usque Staynlayplace nuper Ade Copandale	ij^{s}	Whiteway.
De heredibus Johannis Kelke, modo Willelmi Rolleston, pro iij tenementis nuper Ricardi Walkyngton, quondam Johannis Clerke, postea Willelmi de Fenton et aliquando Johannis Tyrwhyte	iij^{s} vj^{d}	
De Johanne Downham pro Stanelayplace et Stanelayland, per annum	x^{s}	Stanley place.
De uno gardino juxta molendinum quondam in tenura Thome Burton	xij^{d}	
De heredibus Thome Cato pro ij tenementis juxta ex parte occidentali, in quibus modo manent Willelmus Haytfeld et Margaret Hecape	ij^{s}	
De Willelmo Cokerell pro uno crofto vocato Somyrcroft, quondam Rogeri Scordeburgh et aliquando magistri Willelmi Scordeburgh, per annum	iij^{s}	
De eodem Willelmo pro alio crofto vocato Spaycroft juxta terram Johannis Copandale, quondam eorundem Rogeri et Willelmi, per annum	ij^{s}	
De Priore hospitalis Sancti Johannis Jerusalem pro uno clauso in cujus angulo boreali fuit unum molendinum ventriticum cum quadam parva placea scitu molendini predicti juxta portam campi de Rydyng, que quidem placea et scitus molendini predicti et quinque seliones simul jacentes infra idem clausum sunt de feodo dicti Prepositi, et reddunt, per annum	xij^{d}	The Hospital of S. John.
De heredibus Johannis Scorby et Willelmi de Scorburgh, viz. Johannis de Kyrkham, jure uxoris sue, et socii sui, pro uno crofto infra fossatam quo includitur campus de Rydyng, quondam Walteri Harald, juxta clausum predicti Prioris ex parte orientali, et cujusdam vie ibidem, quondam in tenura Johannis Copandale juxta molendinum Trinitatis	iij^{s} vj^{d}	

De heredibus Willelmi Frost pro uno crofto vocato Palmerscroft, cum uno molendino desuper scituato, quondam Avicie Frost, antea Walteri Palmes, juxta Rydyng . . . . viij^{s} vj^{d}

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Rydyngys.

De Johanne Kyrkham, jure uxoris sue, et Thoma Scorby pro uno crofto juxta Spaycrofte versus occidentem, quod quondam fuit Walteri Harald, et extendit se a crofto Rogeri Scorburgh usque ad tres seliones Ade Copandale, postea Willelmi Scorburgh et Johannis Scorby . . . . viij^{s} j^{d} ob.

Grovehill.

Grovall.

De Roberto Tyrwhite pro iiij selionibus terre, modo prati, jacentibus ex parte orientali de Pottergate usque fossatam manerii de Grovall, qui aliquando fuerunt Ricardi de Wrangyll, postea Rogeri Fawcumberge . . . . . . ij^{s} vj^{d}

Master of the Friary of S. Nicholas' Hospital.

De Priore de Wartyr, sive magistro domus Sancti Egidii, pro prato vocato Sayntgilyenge pertinente domui Sancti Egidii . . . . . iij^{s} iij^{d}

De Magistro Frarie domus Sancti Nicholai pro scitu dicti hospitalis, iijd. terminis Martini et Pentecoste, pro uno crofto vocato Frarycroft ad finem orientalem gardini domus Sancte Trinitatis, et jacet inter viam, qua itur de dicto hospitali Sancte Trinitatis usque Gròvall ex parte australi, et unum croftum dicti Prepositi pertinens manerio suo de Rydyng . xx^{d}

De heredibus Margarete Spyke pro j domo exopposito domus sue . . . . . xij^{d}

The Friars Preachers.

De Fratribus Predicatoribus pro uno tenemento tento de domino . . . . . . xij^{d}

Hulbryg.

f. 28.—De Hugone Stry pro uno mesuagio quondam Rogeri Studherd, postea Willelmi Fyrsmask, ex parte australi vie et ex parte occidentali mesuagii Ade Grayberd . . . . . vj^{d}

Sandholm.

De eodem Hugone pro aliis mesuagiis quondam Willelmi Stry, et antea Ricardi Attyngwyk . . vj^{d}

De eodem Hugone pro uno mesuagio juxta Smythplace . . . . x^{d}

De eodem Hugone pro uno mesuagio ex parte boreali vie regie, et ex parte occidentali mesuagii Johannis Burton de Stork, quondam Willelmi Stry et Roberti Stry . . . . . x^{d}

Storke.

Chantry of Hulbridge.

De capellano Cantarie de Hulbryge pro uno mesuagio et una acra pertinente in campo de Storke, quondam Willelmi de Hulbryge, antea Thome Wakfeld . . . . xx^{d}

De capellano Cantarie de Thornne pro indempnitate unius mesuagii, cum gardino xj selionibus terre particularis, jacentis et continentis iiij acras prati et ij acras pasture . . . . . viij^{d}

De heredibus Thome de Storke pro ij mesuagiis cum uno crofto duobus bovatis terre ibidem cum pertinentiis, viij centenis anguillarum vocatis *stykell,* vel xvjs, ad voluntatem domini.

Mautholm.

De Roberto Tyrwhyte pro uno clauso vocato Mautholm continente circiter xxx acras herbagii, prout jacet ex parte boriali vie regie, quondam Johannis Humbercolt, c auguillas viz. *stykele* vel pecuniam . . . . . . ij^{s}

Infra parcum Beverlaci.

Beverley Parks.

De Willelmo Bene pro herbagio unius clausi infra parcum Beverlaci vocati Provostappylgarth et quadam parcella herbagii in Brathwell . . vj^{s} viij^{d}

De Johanne Spenser pro herbagio de Peeslandes . ij^{s} viij^{d}

De occupatore pro herbagio de Calfland . . vj^{d}

De iij^{s} quondam receptis de c faggotis vocatis

Midsummer boughs.

Myssomeryse,* nichil, quia in manu domini Archiepiscopi, qui recusat illas dare, in grave periculum anime sue, dampnum et exhereditacionem Prepositure manifesta, ideo procedatur versus eundem aut prece vel juridice . . . . .

De Abbate et Conventu de Ryvaux pro j crofto vocato Swynmurcroft . . . . xx^{d}

f. 28 b.—Rentale liberorum et forinsecorum tenentium Prepositure Beverlaci extra Burgum, solvendum annuatim ad terminos Sancti Martini, Purificationis, Pentecostes et Sancti Petri ad vincula.

Weueton. Wellewyk (Rottenherringland). Tharlesthorp.

f. 29.—Sutcotes (de Domino de Suttcotes). Otryngham. Munkwyk (de Domino de Roos pro manerio, 30s.). Patryngton (Rectory belongs to Provost).

f. 29 b.—Flynton. Bylton. Syglesthorn.

f. 30.—Seton. Leven. Brandesborton.

f. 30 b.—Auden. Bersewyk. Crauncewyke.

f. 31.—Ryghton. Fynmer.

f. 31 b.—Gemelyng. Kelke.

f. 32.—Lowthorpe. Hasthorp. Ruston.

f. 32 b.—Frydaythorp. Dryffeld.

f. 33.—Kellyngthorp. Howald. Kybelyngcotes.

f. 33 b.—Northdalton. Midilton.

f. 34.—Southdalton. Etton.

f. 34 b.—North Burton. Raventhorp.

f. 35.—Newton. Lokyngton.

f. 35 b.—Hoton. Crauncewyk.

f. 36.—Crauncewyke. Towthorpe.

f. 36 b.—Santon. Brouneflete. Brydall. Rysseby.

f. 37.—Walkyngton. Mollescroft.

f. 37 b.—Thwenge. Scorburgh.

Copia libri avenarum.

f. 38-64.—*Notabilia et processus Curiarum Bederne Beverlaci* 1285. Stephen de Malo lacu, Rector of Baynton.

f. 38 b.—Beverley. Grovall. Stork. Hulbryg.

f. 39.—Peter de Cestria, Provost, 1290.

John of Storke holds in Storke two messuages and one bovate of land at rent of 400 eels, 28 Edward III.

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* See vol. i. p. 338.

f. 40.—Item in rotulo anno regni regis Edwardi primi xvii. placitum datis, etc. Misericordia pistoris xx^{s}.

17 Edward I.

Item ibidem de Galfrido Flour, pistore, xx^{s}, quia furniavit album panem et panem integrum et quia habuit quoddam signum super panem suum quod fuit signum vicini sui.

A trade-mark case.

Item in rotulo, anno Domini, m^{o}cclxxvij dominus Nicholas Wake dat domino de fine secte curie dimidiam marce.

1277.

Finis transgressus et contemptus x marcas.

De Rectore de Northdalton pro transgressu et contemptu vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d}.

Dominus Willelmus Wyvell pro fine secte curie per annum xx^{s}.

Item in rotulo, A.D. m^{o}cclxxix.

1279.

Item ibidem Willelmus Levenet probavit legitime etatem suam et dat Domino ij marcas pro relevio.

Relief paid by heir 2 marks.

Item ibidem Galfridus de Leven dat dimidiam marce pro falso pane.

Fine for false loaf half a mark.

Item ibidem Hugo Fullo de Skypse et Willelmus frater ejus ponunt se in misericordia pro forstalleris piscis. Ideo in misericordia xij^{s}.

Fine for forestalling fish, 12s.

f. 42.—Suitors at Bedern Court, 1328, Tuesday after S. Denis.

f. 45.—Suitors at Bedern Court, 44 Edward III.

Tangens corrodia et pensiones resumenda in Curia Bedderne.

f. 46.—Item in rotulo anno regni Regis Edwardi tercii xxxviij^{o}. Edwardus Dei gracia Rex Anglie, Dominus Hibernie et Acquitanie, Dilecto clerico suo Ricardo Ravenser, Preposito Beverlaci, Salutem. Cum dominus Johannes, quondam Rex Anglie, progenitor noster, per cartam suam suscepisset in protectionem et defensionem suam ecclesiam Beverlaci et omnes homines, res, possessiones jura et libertates illius ecclesie, ac Prepositi et clericorum ad ecclesiam pertinentium precipiens quod non fieret, vel ab aliquo fieri permitteretur, eis inde injuria, vexacio aut gravamen, vel aliquid quod sit in dampnum vel dispendium juris vel libertatis predicte ecclesie, volensque et precipiens quod ecclesia predicta et Prepositus Beverlaci et successores sui haberent et tenerent toto tempore ipsius progenitoris nostri et heredum suorum omnia jura, libertates et dignitates, que predicta ecclesia

Edward III. to Richard of Ravenser, Provost, recites charter of King John granting the Provost all rights which he held temp. Henry I.; and that if any recognizance or assize ought to be held of any tenement in his demesne or fee it should be held in the Provost's Court, where pleas used to be held before recognizances or assizes were held in the kingdom. John also granted that property alienated to the damage of the Provostry might be recovered in the Provost's Court.

Beverlaci et predecessores predicti Prepositi habuerunt et tenuerunt, vel tenere debuerunt, temporibus antecessorum progenitoris nostri predicti; et quod libertates et dignitates date ab antecessoribus ejusdem progenitoris nostri, et ab aliis, Deo et beato Johanni Beverlaci et Preposito illius ecclesie in nullo deperirent vel minuerentur vel lederentur per assisas vel recognitiones vel constitutiones postea factas; scilicet, si recognitiones vel assise fieri deberent de tenemento aliquo vel de re aliqua que pertineat ad Prepositum Beverlaci et Preposituram tam in dominicis quam feodis, teneantur in Curia Prepositi Beverlaci, ubi placita inde fuerunt et esse consueverunt tempore Regis Henrici patris vel tempore Henrici, avi ejusdem progenitoris nostri, ante quam recognitiones vel assise in regno nostro essent constitute. Voluit etiam et concessit prefatus progenitor noster, quod ea que alienate fuerunt de Prepositura Beverlaci in dampnum et dispendium illius, per judicium Curie Prepositi revocentur. Et nos cartam predictam per cartam nostram confirmaverimus et insuper concesserimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris Preposito prefate ecclesie et canonicis et clericis ejusdem ecclesie et eorum successoribus, quod licet ipsi vel eorum predecessores aliqua vel aliquibus libertatum predictarum aliquo casu emergente antea usi non fuissent, ipsi tamen et successores sui libertatibus illis et earum qualibet, extunc plene gauderent et uterentur prout in carta et confirmatione predictis plenius continetur.

This charter confirmed with clause of non-user by Edward III.

Corrodies and other possessions of the Provostry have been alienated in fee to the prejudice of the church and the alms and pious uses in the same.

Ac jam datum sit nobis intelligi, quod, cum plura corrodia et pensiones terre et possessiones ad dictam Preposituram pertinentia per diversos Prepositos ecclesie predicte qui pro tempore fuerint in feodo diversis personis injuste alienata existunt in maximum dampnum et detrimentum ecclesie predicte et elemosinarum ac aliorum piorum operum in eadem ecclesia pro animabus progenitorum nostrorum a bono stabilitorum diminutionem et subtractionem, et contra formam carte et confirmationis predicte;

They may be recovered after inquisition in the Provost's Court.

Nos volentes jura et libertates prefate ecclesie juxta voluntatem dicti progenitoris nostri in omnibus manuteneri et observari, vobis mandamus, quod, si per inquisitionem in Curia Prepositure predicta faciendam, vel alio modo legitimo, vobis constare poterit aliqua corrodia vel pensiones vel alia, que ad dictam Preposituram pertinent, per Prepositum ibidem aliquibus personis in feodo vel alio modo injuste alienata fuisse, tunc eadem pensiones corrodia et alia sic alienata in Curia vestra predicta sine dilatione revocari et ad statum debitum reduci facias.

Ne oporteat nos in vestri defectum ad hoc extendere manum nostram.

Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium primo die Octobris Anno regni nostri xxxv.

Appellatio furti.

Criminous clerk of Beverley claimed and delivered to Archbishop's Commissary.

f. 48.—Matildis, serviens Roberti Coke de Etton, appellat Thomam Kylpyn de Etton de eo, quod idem Thomas die Sabbati in festo Sancte Marie Magdalene, anno regni regis Edwardi tertii post conquestum xxxvij°, apud Etton infra libertatem Sancti Johannis Beverlaci, quamdam cameram dicti Roberti in custodia prefate Matildis felonice fregit, et quatuor libras argenti in pecunia numerata de dicta camera furtive furabatur et asportavit, unde eum appellat. Plegii de prosecutione Robertus Coke de Etton et Ricardus Procteur. Dictus Thomas ductus per Ballivum allocutus de premissis qualiter se velit acquietare, dicit quod in nullo de felonia predicta est culpabilis; et inde de bono et malo ponit se super patriam. Juratores libertatis predicte ad hoc electi triati et jurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Thomas de felonia predicta inde est culpabilis, et ipsum retraxit occasione predicta sed terre et catalla ejus nulla.

Calumpnia quia clericus per Ordinarium.

Et super hoc venit Galfridus de Barowe, vicarius ecclesie collegiate Sancti Johannis Beverlaci, gerens vices Domini Johannis Eboracensis Archiepiscopi, loci ordinarii, et petit dictum Thomam tamquam clericum et membrum ecclesie sibi liberari, et profert in Curia litteras patentes dicti domini Johannis Archiepiscopi in hec verba :—

Littera Domini Archiepiscopi ad totum processum.

Johannes permissione divina Eboracensis Archiepiscopus

Anglie primas et apostolice sedis legatus, Dilecto filio Domino Galfrido de Barowe, vicario nostro chori ecclesie nostre Collegiate beati Johannis Beverlaci, Salutem.

De tuis fidelitatc et industria plenius confidentes ad petendum et recipiendum clericos quoscumque super quibuscumque justiciariis vel assignatis apud Beverlacum, et ad carcerem nostrum ibidem liberandos tibi cum cohercionis canonice potestate committimus vices nostras; proviso quod clericos quos receperis sub salva facias custodia servari, donec quid de eis ulterius factum fuerit judicio ecclesie consulcius ordinetur.

In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum fecimus apponi. Datis etc.

Ideo dictus Thomas liberatur ordinario predicto periculo quo incumbit.

Copia carte Aymonis de Carto quondam Prepositi.

Charter by Aymo de Carto confirming grant of land in Risby at 20d. rent by Peter of Chester, Provost, to the Prior of Wartre.

f. 51.—Omnibus Christi fidelibus presens scriptum visuris vel audituris, Aymo de Carto, Prepositus ecclesie beati Johannis Beverlaci, Salutem in Domino.

Noverit universitas vestra quod cum Radulfus de Rypplyngham concesserit, et pro se et heredibus suis quietum clamaverit Petro de Cestria, predecessori nostro, quondam Preposito Beverlaci, et successoribus suis, quemdam annuum redditum viginti denariorum recipiendum de Priore et Conventu de Wartria pro tota illa terra, quam iidem Prior et Conventus tenent de feodo nostro in villa de Rysceby.

Nos pro nobis et successoribus nostris et ecclesia nostra Beverlaci predicta concedimus et fatemur per presentes acquietasse predictos Priorem et Conventum versus predictos Radulfum et heredes suos pro annuo redditu predicto predictorum viginti denariorum imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum nostrum apposuimus. Hiis testibus, etc.

Instance of Pleas of Crown held in Provost's Court under royal commission.

f. 53b.—Placitum corone sub commissione Domini Regis. Item anno regni regis Edwardi tertii xx° placitum Corone tentum in Bederna Beverlaci die Martis proximo post festum S. Gregorii Pape anno regni regis predicto coram seneschallo et Thoma de Whytgyft coronatore. 1345.

Thomas Bryghtyff, manens in Beverlaco infra jurisdictionem Domini Prepositi, indictatus de eo, quod ipse simul cum aliis noctantibus die Jovis proximo post festum Sancte Lucie virginis anno domini m°cccxlv^{to} felonice fregit gardinum et clausum Michaelis Tyler apud le Bekke infra jurisdictionem Domini Prepositi, et felonice cepit viginti quatuor lucys, pretii omnium xxvi^{d}, et viginti quatuor pyk, pretii xvi^{d}, venit per mareschallum ductus, et allocutus qualiter se velit inde acquietare, dicit quod non est inde culpabilis, et [de] hoc ponit se de bono et malo super patriam.

Trial for trespass and poaching for luces and pike in the Beck.

24 luces worth 26d.; 24 pike worth 16d.

Inquisitio inde capta per sacramentum Johannis Goldyng, Thome de Frismersk, Johannis Copandale in Norwode, Ricardi Graberd, Ricardi le Pynder, Willelmi Perchet, Johannis Lentyn, Johannis de Storke, Willelmi Marschall, Thome de Roston, Willelmi atte Lane, et Rogeri Milner, Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Thomas non est inde culpabilis nec unquam se retraxit. Ideo consideratum est quod predictus eat inde quietus.

Verdict: Not guilty.

f. 58.—Recovery of lands by *Quare cessavit* by Richard of Ravenser, Provost, &c.

Extract from De Banco Roll Octaves of Trinity 38 Edward III. roll 73.

f. 58b.—Grant by John of Thoresby, Provost, to W of Brigham.

f. 58-64.—

f. 64-6.—Assises of novel disseisin between tenants and the Provost, claims and allowances. Among others, 1 Henry IV. Frankys and wife *v.* Robert Manfeld, Provost.

f. 66-9b.—Gamelyng and Hasthorpe. Pleas.

f. 70.—Siglesthorne. Court at Leven.

f. 70b—Bedern Court.

f. 72.—Charter undated, Edward II. to William of Melton, Provost, for fair at Sygglesthorne.

Grant by Provost Geoffrey to Ralph of Hanton, nephew of Canon Simon, of the lands of S. John held by him, on the same terms, in fee.

f. 72 b. Galfridus Prepositus Omnibus amicis et tenentibus suis Sancti Johannis presentibus quam futuris, Salutem.

Sciatis me consensu Domini Rogeri Eboracensis Archiepiscopi et assensu Capituli nostri concessisse et dedisse Radulpho de Hantona, nepoti Simonis canonici, terras quas ipse Simon tenebat de Sancto Johanne, et per idem servitium quod idem Simon eas tenebat; scilicet in Norwod unum croftum pro vj denariis per annum, et in Mora j toftum pro vj denariis, et in Howald sex bovatas terre pro x^s annuatim, reddendis Preposito Sancti Johannis, in feodo et hereditate ipsi Radulpho et heredibus suis in posterum, ita libere tenendum sicut alii feodati Sancti Johannis tenent.

Hiis testibus Osberto, Simone, Willelmo Moryn, Petro.

Grant by Provost Morgan.

f. 72 b.—Morganus prepositus etc. Dilectis fratribus canonicis suis Capituli Beverlacensis, Salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem.

Noveritis nos divine pietatis intuitu contulisse ecclesiam de P[atrington] cum omnibus pertinentiis suis.

Item memorandum quod Sacrista debet invenire cereos omnibus in habitu existentibus in processionibus in Natali Domini et infra Octavas Circumcisionis, Epiphanie et Purificationis Beate Marie, et eosdem cereos olim *doddys* in Bederna.

Notice of Visitation of the Provostry by John of Thoresby, Provost.

1377.

f. 72b.—Johannes de Thoresby, Prepositus ecclesie collegiate Beati Johannis Beverlaci, dilecto nobis in Christo, Domino Thome de Sancto Martino, Officiali nostro, Salutem in auctore salutis.

Quia clerum et populum jurisdictionis Preposliture nostre circa instans festum Sancti Michaelis ad recreationem animarum suarum, morum reformationem et vitiorum extirpationem intendimus per Dei graciam visitare, Vobis mandamus quatinus omnes et singulos rectores, vicarios et capellanos ecclesiarum parochie et capellarum et alios capellanos et clericos in eisdem ministrantes infra jurisdictionem nostram predictam qualitercumque existentes cantarias sive oratoria optinentes, necnon de singulis villis villarum dicte jurisdictionis nostre tres quatuor quinque vel sex viros fidedignos secundum majoritatem vel minoritatem villarum ipsarum citetis seu citari facietis peremptorie, quod compareant coram nobis ad certos dies et loca, que vestra discretio duxerit divisim statuenda, visitationem nostram humiliter admissuros, examinationes correctiones debitas nostraque salubria judicia et injungenda canonice subituros; predictos viz., rectores et vicarios litteras institutiones et titulos, quos in suis beneficiis se habere pretendunt, necnon ipsos et capellanos de quibus premittitur ordinum suorum evidentias si date fuerint absentie exhibituros; Illi vero qui cantarias perpetuas capellas seu oratoria se habere pretendunt canonicum si quod hujusmodi fundatione et ordinatione cantariarum hujusmodi ac celebratione in capellis seu oratoriis antedictis pro termino peremptorie exhibituri propposituri et ostensuri cum effectu, ipsorumque copias penes nos ut facilius expediri valeant dimittentes, facturi ulterius et recepturi juxta naturam et qualitatem premissorum quod justicia suadebit, alioquin propposituri et ostensuri quare ad premissa nullatenus teneantur; denunciantes insuper seu denunciari facientes omnibus et singulis supradictis quod sive dictis diebus et locis venerint, sive non, procedemus contra eosdem prout de jure fuerit procedendum, Proviso quod laici evocandi sint viri bone fame et opinionis; ac qui super consuetudinibus visitationis [MS. stained] dicte jurisdictionis nostre aperte certificetis per litteras vestras patentes harum seriem continentes, vero visitatationis nostre hujusmodi personaliter et nomina ecclesiarum capellarum pensiones vel portiones decimarum parochias cantarias capellas seu oratoria optinentium seu percipientium ac citatorum omnia nomina in scriptis redacta coram nobis exhibeatis diebus et locis distinguenda. Datis anno Domini millesimo ccc^{mo} septuagesimo vij^{mo}.

f. 73.—Days named for visitation of each place in the Provostry, beginning with Patrington.

73b.—Bedern Court, 40 Edward III., 19 May.

74.—Confirmation by King to Richard of Ravenser of liberties of Provostry, 47 Edward III., 18 Oct.

Grant by William de Roumara Earl of Lincoln to William, Archbishop of York, and Thurstan, Provost of Beverley.*

f. 76.—Willelmus de Roumara, Comes Lincolnie, Willelmo Eboracensi Archiepiscopo et successoribus suis, et Capitulis Sancti Petri et Sancti Johannis de Beverlaco, et omnibus hominibus suis tam Francis quam Anglis et universis sancte Dei ecclesiis filiis, Salutem in Christo.

Grant of Benesley (Bentley) to God and S. John and Provost Thurstan.

Reddo et propria donatione mea concedo et presentis carte auctoritate confirmo Deo et Sancto Johanni et Turstino Preposito et omnibus successoribus suis, pro salute mea et uxoris mee et filii mei et successorum meorum et pro animabus patris mei et matris mee, Benesleiam, que fuit antiquitus de jure Sancti Johannis, in liberam et quietam elemosinam imperpetuum, cum omnibus ei adjectis, videlicet servitium quod michi Paganus de eadem villa faciebat, salvo jure ejusdem Pagani et heredum suorum, hoc volente et concedente Hawysa Comitissa, uxore mea, et Willelmo filio meo et herede.

Hujus redditionis et donationis testes sunt Willelmus Capellanus, Nicholaus Capellanus, Wido de Weer, etc.

Confirmation by King Stephen of the foregoing grant.

f. 76. Stephanus Rex Anglorum, Archiepiscopo Eboracensi et Willelmo Comiti et Justiciariis vicecomitibus et baronibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis Eboraci, Salutem.

Sciatis quod concedo et confirmo illam donationem et redditionem quas Willelmus de Rowmara fecit Deo et ecclesie beati Johannis de Beverlaco et Turstino Preposito et successoribus suis de Manerio Bennesley; quare volo et firmiter precipio quod ecclesia predicta et Turstinus Prepositus et successores teneant et possideant manerium predictum cum omnibus ei pertinentiis, bene et in pace libere et honorifice et quiete in omnibus rebus sicut tenet alias terras suas, et sicut idem Willelmus manerium illud eis dedit et concessit et carta sua confirmavit.

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* This document is of importance to the list of Provosts. It shows that the Thurstan who was Provost is not, as stated by Poulson and others, the same person as the Thurstan who was Archbishop of York. For this grant was made in the much troubled archbishopric of William Fitzherbert, afterwards Saint William of York, 1139 to 1147, and restored 1153-4, whereas Thurstan the Archbishop died in 1139.

1400. 20 July. Visitation of S. Nicholas, Holmkirk, Beverley, by the Provost.

f. 76b. Visitatio facta in ecclesia Sancti Nicholai Beverlaci vicesimo die Julii anno Domini mcccc capta per infrascriptos, Willelmum Scotte, Johannem Whyte, Thomam White, Willelmum Tyler, Adam de Rypon, Johannem Dousyng, Johannem Nortfolk, Petrum White, Marmaduk Duket, Willelmum Hattfeld, Johannem del Bole, Johannem Cook, webster, qui dicunt quod deficiunt principale vestimentum j calix j capa ij suppellicia, unum gradale in defectu parochianorum.

Item dicunt quod redditus in Mynstermorgate in quo Johannes Tykhill inhabitat pertinet ad parochiam Sancti Nicholai.

The rents in Minstermorgate in which the precentor and sacrist of the Minster live are in S. Nicholas parish and ought to contribute to repairs of the church and ornaments of S. Nicholas.

Item dicunt quod redditus in Mynstermorgate in quibus inhabitant Precentor et Sacrista cum tenementis eorundem in eadem via pertinent ad eandem parochiam Sancti Nicholai; unde petunt inhabitantes in eisdem tenementis compelli ad rationabiles portiones emendationis ecclesie et ornamentorum Sancti Nicholai.

76b—79.—Bedern Courts from 24 Edward III., Tuesday before Easter.

79b.—Homage of John Ronth, K^{t}, to Provost in Chancel of Friars Minors Church, Beverley, 19 Henry VI., 27 March.

De Mortuariis.

It has been the custom from the beginning that no mortuaries are due from any inhabitant of the town of Beverley on the liberty of the church; but mortuaries are due from the outlying townships and divided by lot among the eight canons.

f. 81.—De mortuariis provenientibus est sciendum quod in villa Beverlaci talis ab initio fuit consuetudo, quod de habitatoribus super libertate ecclesie et ville Beverlaci decedentibus nusquam debent mortuaria exigi sive dari; De villettis tamen que sunt de parochia ecclesie Beati Johannis extra villam Beverlaci, debent mortuaria solvi octo canonicis sive residentibus sive non, sorte talorum subscripta distribuenda, etc.

Privilegium Pape *Preposito et Canonicis ejus imperpetuum.*

Bull of Pope Honorius II., confirming their possessions in the East Riding to the canons of Beverley.

f. 81.—*Privilegium Honorii secundi Pape* super bonis et possessionibus Sancti Johannis.

Honorius Episcopus servus servorum Dei dilectis filiis suis

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* The words between these marks are cancelled, no doubt in accordance with Henry VIII.'s Injunction for the erasure of all references to the Pope.

Thome Preposito Sancti Johannis de Beverlaco et Canonicis ejus imperpetuum.

Nobis et apostolice cathedre culmine residentibus convenit eximia ecclesie membra venerari atque diligere et minoribus paterne pietatis intuitu providere; quocirca interventu venerabilis fratris nostri Turstini Eboracensis Archiepiscopi honorabilibus vestris postulacionibus duximus annuendum, dona et possessiones cum redditibus quas hodie juste atque canonice possidetis in Austridyng in travis et denariis et aliis ecclesiasticis beneficiis vel in futurum donante Deo juste atque canonice poteritis adipisci, firma vobis vestrisque successoribus et illibata permaneant; Si quis autem huic nostre confirmationi temerario ausu contrarire temptaverit indignationem beatorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli et nostram se non dubitet incurrere, cunctis autem eidem loco juste servantibus sit pax domini nostri Jhesu Cristi quatenus et hic fructum bone actionis percipiant et apud districtum judicem premia eterne pacis inveniant. Dat. etc.

The Legend of the creation of the Provostry in 1092.

1070. Thomas senr., King's chaplain and treasurer became Archbishop of York: when he established Dean, Treasurer, and Precentor, having already established the schoolmaster. In his time quarrels arose among the canons of Beverley as to the management of the estates they still held in common.

81b.—Tempore etiam Regis Willelmi primi, anno regni sui quarto, qui est annus Dominice incarnationis millesimus septuagesimus, Thomas dictus senior, ejusdem Regis capellanus et thesaurarius Eboracensem ecclesiam suscepit regendam, vicesimus quintus sedis illius archiepiscopus et primus de Normannis qui primus in ecclesia Eboracensi statuit Decanum, Thesaurarium et Cantorem, nam Magistrum scholarum ante statuerat in eadem. Hujus itaque patris temporibus, residentibus itaque quibusdam Beverlacensis ecclesie canonicis et quibusdam in remotis agentibus, suborta est sepius inter eosdem canonicos et alios in eadem ecclesia beneficiatos questionis materia, quis eorum in dominicis ecclesiis et circa ea que adhuc illis erant communia pro communi operas daret, et ea singulis, prout res exigebat, fideliter ministraret. Quod ubi prefato reverendo patri rumore relato innotuerat, accessit Beverlacum et convocatis ipsius ecclesie canonicis universis, et aliis quos presens tangebat negocium, pastorali solicitudine curavit opportunum apponere remedium pro perpetuo duraturum.

Porro de singulorum Beverlacensis ecclesie canonicorum ac aliorum quorum intererat in hac parte consensu et assensu generali, annuente Rege Anglorum Willelmo secundo; idem pater Thomam nepotem suum, dictum juniorem, ejusdem Regis capellanum, primum ecclesie collegiate Sancti Johannis Beverlacensis Prepositum ordinavit et constituit, A.D. 1092; ipsumque Prepositum et successores suos Beverlacensis ecclesie Prepositos, temporalia Beverlacensis ecclesie dominia, que predictis canonicis et ministris extra ecclesiam tam in aquis quam in terris eatenus erant communia cum suis pertinentiis, et omni advocatione ecclesiarum eisdem annexa, una cum patronatu Cancellarii, Precentoris Sacriste et septem clericorum de Berefella, et aliorum officiariorum in Bedderna, preter ea que jure hereditario succedunt, per se et insolidum optinere ordinavit et in Bedderna ac aliis locis dominicis Prepositure preponi, preesse, et preordinari, ac insuper jurisdictionem spiritualem in subditos dicte Prepositure sibi et successoribus suis Prepositis distinctam et discretam, etiam cum omni sinodali presbiterorum congregatione, et cleri dicte prepositure convocationem ordinarie exercere consensu et assensu supradictis statuit et decrevit.

To remedy which he made his nephew, Thomas, junior, King's chaplain, first provost A.D. 1092, and gave him the management of all the temporal lordships then common to all the canons, with advowsons of all the churches, appointments of Chancellor, Precentor, Sacrist, and 7 clerks of the Bearskins, and other officers of the Bedern.

Quibus omnibus et singulis, una cum gaolo in Bedderna, quadam prerogativa singulari preeminebat et gaudebat Beverlacensis ecclesia a primevo, apostolica confirmatione et regali munificentia roboratis.

Verum, ut idem Prepositus et successores sui predicti circa communem utilitatem in bonis dicte ecclesie liberius et opportunius vacarent, operas darent, canonicos aliosque ecclesie ministros perpetuis futuris temporibus debite procurarent, dictam Preposituram Beverlacensem fore statuit non in set de ecclesia dignacione, unde nec stallum in choro nec locum in capitulo eidem Preposito ejusve successoribus Prepositis, qui pro tempore fuerint, appropriavit, nec etiam assignavit. Hiis, ut presumitur, gestis, idem pater dictam Prepositaram prefato Thome contulit et ipsum ad eandem capitulo Beverlacensi presentavit admittendum. Quo per capitulum admisso et jurato, quod fidelis esset huic ecclesie Beverlacensi, juraque ipsius et libertates fideliter observaret, et pro viribus defenderet, quatenus ipsum concernunt, alienationes seu dilapidaciones non faceret, nec fieri permitteret, in hujus ecclesie prejudicium seu lesionem, et Beddernam fideliter

But that the Provost might more entirely devote himself to business, he made the provostry a dignity not in but of the church, and gave him neither stall in choir nor place in chapter. He was admitted and sworn by the Chapter,

ministrari faceret, et plenarie faceret per fideles ministros capitulo juratos, secundum ipsius ecclesie consuetudinem et statuta, subsequenter canonici qui tunc preerant ex parte Capituli pro se et successoribus suis dederunt concesserunt et imperpetuum confirmaverunt prefato Thome primo Preposito, et successoribus suis Prepositis, plenam possessionem in Bedderna et aliis locis et dominicis et advocacionibus supradictis cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis secundum vim formam et effectum superius memoratos. Liberaverunt insuper et dimiserunt iidem canonici dicto Preposito in Bederna et aliis maneriis et dominicis Prepositure staurum de communibus ecclesie bonis et tunc in eisdem existentibus, videlicet certum numerum animalium diverse speciei et res alias que implementa dicuntur, singulis futuris Prepositis aut suis predecessoribus pro omnibus incumbentibus imperpetuum relinquendum ut patet.

who granted him and his successors full seisin of the Bedern and other property,

and delivered him the following stock:

Summa bonorum que secundum composicionem debent remanere in prepositura

In primis, Summa omnium boum	iiij^{xx}xij	pretii	pecie
Affrorum	xlij	,,	,,
Vaccarum	iiij^{xx}	,,	,,
Bonettorum, boviculorum et vitulorum	vj^{xx}	,,	,,
Multonum	dc	,,	,,
Ovium matricum	cccclx	,,	,,
Porcorum verrium, suum et porcellorum	iiij^{xx}vj	,,	,,

92 bulls,
42 draught cattle,
80 milch kine,
120 bullocks and calves,
600 sheep,
460 ewes,
86 boars, sows, and pigs.

Secundus hujus Beverlacensis ecclesie Prepositus fuit beate memorie Thurstinus, temporibus, viz. Regis Henrici primi et Archiepiscopi Eboracensis Thome, junioris supradicti; cui sedenti, idem Thurstanus sicut primo in Prepositura ita postea in Archiepiscopatu Eboracensi successit. Hic vero tam magnifica tamque laudabilia pro restituendis ecclesiarum Beverlacensis et Eboracensis libertatibus suis temporibus factis gessit; quod toti pene occidentali ecclesie notus erat. Et non solum Romane Curie sed ipsis etiam Apostolicis Paschali et Gelasio ij Calixto ij et Innocencio ij, atque Honorio ij familiaris et carus exstitit, quod predicte ecclesie Beverlacensi antiquam gloriam et nobilitatem adquisivit Romane sedis auctoritate, privilegio confirmari impetravit sicut per bullas apostolicas satis patet. Hic primus omnium Archiepiscoporum Eboracensium cepit habere corrodium canonicale in Bederna, et stallum in choro

The second Provost was the blessed Thurstan, temp. Henry I., who succeeded to the Archbishopric. His work for the liberty of the churches of York and Beverley is known to the whole western church. He was a friend of Popes Paschal, Gelasius, Calixtus II., Innocent II., and Honorius II., and obtained bulls for the church of Beverley from them.

He first began to have a corrody as a canon in the Bedern, with a stall in choir, and ac vicarium stalli sui. Ipsiusque ij forestarii, Ballivus et Prepositus, quilibet eorum extunc recepit in Bedderna quolibet duplici principali, pro quo nunc capiunt pecuniam.

vicar there; and his bailiff and provost every principal feast day had a dinner for which they now receive money.

Tertius Prepositus Beverlacensis fuit Thomas dictus Normannus, temporibus Regis Henrici primi et partim Regis Stephani et Archiepiscopi Thurstini. Hic vero multa de Prepositura alienavit jure hereditario de Preposito tenenda, in feodo, que de mera possessione ecclesie prius erant.

The third Provost was Thomas the Norman, who granted away many possessions of the church to be held in fee of the Provost.

Quartus Prepositus Beverlacensis fuit Robertus; Prepositus temporibus partim Regis Henrici primi et partim Regis Stephani et Archiepiscopi partim Thurstini et partim Henrici Murdake. Hic aliqua recuperavit de predictis alienatis, et de consensu capituli Beverlacensis, primus de tenentibus Prepositure homagia et fidelitates extra domum capitularem, nam servitia hujusmodi eatenus fiebant in capitulo et non alibi. Suis eciam temporibus fiebat corrodiorum moderacio in Bedderna.

The fourth Provost, Robert, recovered some possessions alienated. He first received homage from the tenants elsewhere than in the chapter house.

Quintus Prepositus Beverlacensi fuit Thomas Beket, temporibus Regum Stephani in fine regni ejus et Henrici secundi; et Archiepiscoporum Henrici Murdake in fine, et Sancti Willelmi et Rogeri. Hic itaque prebendarius fuit prebende Sancti Michaelis, deinde factus est Archiepiscopus Cantuariensis, ubi pro jure ecclesie passus, glorioso martirio lauriatus est A.D. 1170; et anno 50 sequenti, qui fuit A.D. 1220, exigentibus miraculorum suorum meritis, est translatus. Post cujus translationem capella S. Thome Apostoli, de qua superius meminimus, cepit in honore hujus S. Thome, martiris et confessoris, celebrari et haberi in memoriali, viz. perhenni, quod Beatus Thomas Cantuariensis fuerit prebendarius illius prebende cui ipsa capella est annexa.

The fifth Provost was Thomas Beket, Prebendary of S. Michael's prebend, who became Abp. of Canterbury, and suffered glorious martyrdom for the rights of the church, A.D. 1170. After his translation in 1220, the chapel of S. Thomas began to be frequented, because he was prebendary of the prebend to which it was annexed.

Sextus Prepositus Beverlacensis fuit Robertus, qui fuit temporibus Henrici Secundi et Archiepiscopi Rogeri.

The 6th Provost was Robert, temp. Henry II.

Septimus Prepositus Beverlacensis fuit Galfridus, qui fuit temporibus Regis H. Secundi et Archiepiscopi Rogeri.

The 7th was Geoffrey:

Octavus Prepositus fuit Dominus Simon, temporibus videlicet Regis Ricardi primi post conquestum et partim Regis Johannis, et Archiepiscoporum Rogeri et Galfridi.

The 8th was Simon:

Nonus Prepositus fuit Fulco Basset, temporibus partim Regis Johannis et partim Regis Henrici iij, et Archiepiscopi Walteri Gray; ejus itaque temporibus in Bedderna fuerunt corrodia moderata.

The 9th was Fulk Basset, in whose times the corrodies in the Bedern were abated.

The 10th was John Chesull.

Decimus Prepositus fuit Johannes Chesull temporibus Regis Henrici iij et Walteri Gray Eboracensis Archiepiscopi.

The 11th was William of York, who became Bishop of Salisbury.

Undecimus Prepositus fuit Willelmus de Eboraco, temporibus Regis Henrici iij et Archiepiscopi Walteri Gray, et exinde factus est Episcopus Sarumensis.

The 12th was John Maunsell, also Treasurer of York.

Duodecimus Prepositus fuit Johannes Maunsell, temporibus Regis et Archiepiscopi predictorum, et hic fuit itaque Thesaurarius Eboracensis.

The 13th was Alan, in whose time Thomas Hoston gave an oxgang of land in Cranswick.

Terciusdecimus Propositus Beverlacensis fuit Alanus Prepositus temporibus Regis Archiepiscopi superius memoratorum. Hujus Alani temporibus Thomas Hoston dedit et concessit, et carta sua confirmavit Deo et Prepositure Sancti Johannis Beverlacensis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam unam bovatam terre in Craunswyk cum tofto illo quod Ricardus filius Edwardi tenuit quod est inter toftum Hugonis messoris, cum omnibus ejusdem bovate terre pertinentiis, cum clausula Warancie sicut patet per cartam inde confectam et in chartuario copiatam.

f. 83.—Debts due from Robert of Hilton, Kt., deceased, to S. John of Beverley, 22 Richard II.

Valuation of property at Otringham.

83-4.—Commission of Sewers, &c., against Abbot of Meaux in respect of bridge between Routhspittle and Whitecrosse, 13 Henry (VI.?).

Judicium contra Regem de officio Pincerne in Bederna Beverlaci datum per consilium Regis.

7 Henry VI. Judgment by Privy Council against the King as to the office of Butler of the Bedern of Beverley. Extract rom Treasurer's Remembrancer's Roll.

f. 85.—In memorandis de anno vij° Regis Henrici sexti inter status et visus compotorum de termino Pasche ex parte Rememoratoris Thesaurarii continetur sic.

Audito compoto Roberti Haytefelde nuper escaetoris Regis in comitatu Eboraci per breve Regis patens datum xvij° die Decembris anno quinto Regis nunc, prefato nuper Escaetori directum et super dictum compotum restitutum, videlicet de hujusmodi exitu escaete Regis ibidem a xxiiij° die Januarii dicto anno quinto usque xxiiij diem Novembris tunc proximo sequentem, scilicet, per tria quarteria anni et xxxj dies, a quo quidem xxiiij° die Novembris anno sexto Regis nunc, Thomas

Clarell nunc Escaetor Regis in comitatu predicto est inde computaturus debet cxvj^{s} ob. q. De quibus petit exonerari de xj^{d} de quibus oneratur per Auditorem in computo suo predicto de exitu cujusdam officii Pincerne infra Bedernam Sancti Johannis Beverlaci in Beverlaco, quod Johannes Humbleton tenuit die quo obiit, in dominico suo ut de feodo, una cum quodam corrodio subscripto de Roberto Nevill, Preposito Sancti Johannis Beverlaci, ut de prepositura ecclesie ibidem, per que servicia ignoratur, exequendum et faciendum dictum officium per se vel deputatos suos; virtute cujus officii idem Johannes Humbleton et omnes alii officium predictum prius habentes, quorum statum idem Johannes tempore obitus sui habuit in officio illo habuerunt a tempore quo non extat memoria quoddam corrodium eidem officio annexum habendum et percipiendum per manus Prepositi Sancti Johannis Beverlaci, qui pro tempore fuerit; videlicet, duos panes quolibet die feriato et duos panes et dimidium semenellum, quolibet die festivali, de forma et pondere existentes secundum formam fundationis ecclesie predicte collegiate, eodem modo quo unus vicarius et unus de sex servientibus de feodo ab antiquo solebant habere, et xx^{ti} lagenas servicie qualibet septimana, ut unus de sex servientibus, et ultra hoc, cum sex servientibus de feodo, ad duas horas diei, ad nonam et ad vesperas, habebit quantum bibere voluerit secundum formam fundationis ecclesie predicte collegiate, ac etiam vij fercula quolibet die feriato, et decem fercula quolibet die festivali, de pondere existentia secundum formam fundationis ecclesie predicte collegiate, ut unus vicarius et ut unus de sex servientibus de feodo; Ac etiam quolibet die Adventus Domini duas libras casei; Ac etiam quolibet anno pro minucione iiijs. xd. q. et quolibet die, quando minuetur, duos panes et xvj lagenas servisie ut unus vicarius et unus de sex servientibus in feodo; Ac etiam a festo Omnium Sanctorum usque festum Purificationis Beate Marie qualibet nocte xl candelas cere ardentes in predicta Bederna vocatas Dodhis post collationem et de profundis pro anima Regis Athelstani; Ac etiam post predictum festum Purificationis Beate Marie remancionem duorum cereorum grossorum ibidem existentium secundum formam fundationis ecclesie predicte collegiate.

Ac etiam ad tenendum sedem principalem in tabula sex servientium de feodo quolibet die. De quibus quidem officio et corrodio cum sede et redditu iiijs. xd. q., idem Johannes

The butler's corrody; 2 loaves every week-day; 2½ simnel loaves every holy day, of shape and weight the same as a vicar-choral or a serjeant;

20 gallons of beer a week like one of the six servants of the fee, and "bevers" at noon and vespers. 7 courses every week day and ten on holy days. Every Advent 2 lb. of cheese; for blood letting year 4s. 10¼d., and each day on which he is blooded two loaves and 16 gallons of beer; and from All Saints to the Purification every night 40 wax candles called Dodhis to burn after collation and the De Profundis for King Athelstan. To sit at the head of the servants' table of all which from time immemorial according to the foundation of King Athelstan the Butlers had

seisin and possession from the Provost. Value of the corrody £7 6s. 8d. a year.

Humbleton et omnes alii predicti officium et corrodium illa prius habentes fuerunt seisiti, et possessionem habuerunt, a tempore cujus memoria non existit, de Preposito Beverlaci qui pro tempore existit, et fuit juxta formam Athelstani, nuper Regis Anglie, progenitoris domini Regis nunc; et quod quidem officium cum corrodio supradicto ad viij^{l} vj^{s} viij^{d} extenditur per annum, sicut continetur tam in transcripto cujusdam inquisicionis et extente inde coram prefato nunc escaetore virtute brevis Regis de "diem clausit extremum" capta quam in quadam inquisitione inde coram prefato nunc escaetore virtute officii sui capte et penes particulas computi predicti remanentis, videlicet a xxij^{o} die Novembris anno sexto Regis nunc Henrici sexti usque predictum xxiiij diem ejusdem mensis videlicet per duos dies juxta ratam extente predicte per idem tempus eo quod non habuit inde causam seisine.

Agreed by the Barons of the Exchequer, with the assistance of the judges of either Bench, the Serjeants-at-Law, and the Attorney-General, that the King has no claim in respect of the office.

Et visis premissis per Barones habitaque matura deliberatione inde inter eosdem, assistentibus eis justiciariis Domini Regis de utroque Banco, servientibus Domini Regis ad legem ac attornato Domini Regis, consideratum est quod predictus Robertus Haitefelde nuper escaetor de predictis xj^{d} de quibus ut predictum est, oneratur, de exitibus dicti officii Pincerne infra dictam Bedernam Sancti Johannis Beverlaci in Beverlaco, ac corrodii supradicti sicut continetur in Rotulo de particulis computi predicti erga Regem exoneretur et quietus existat pretextu premissorum.

f. 85 b-6.—Bedern Court at Northburton. Lease of lands enrolled 26 Henry VI., Tuesday after Conversion of S. Paul.

f. 86-7.—Persons paying homage to Mr. J. Bernyngham, Provost, 30 Henry VI., 5 Nov. and following days in

(i.) Hall of S. Andrew's prebend.
(ii.) Provost's Hall in Bedern.
(iii.) Rectory of Brandsburton.
(iv.) Parlour of S. Andrew's prebend.

f. 88.—Proceedings by Steward of Provostry as to freedom from tolls.

89-91 b.—Court at Southdalton, 26 Henry VI., Tuesday before Conversion of S. Paul.

f. 91 b-95.—Court at Leven, 26 Henry VI., Tuesday after S Matthias.

f. 96-102.—Court at Welwyke, 26 Henry VI., Tuesday after S. David, Bishop.

f. 102 b-110.—Court at Ruston, 26 Henry VI., Thursday after S. Ambrose.

f. 110-113.—Court at Bedern, 26 Henry VI., Tuesday, S. George's Day, for Rysby, Mollescroft (f. 111 b), Lokyngton (f. 112 b).

f. 113 b-116.—Agreement between John of Bernyngham, Provost, and the executors of Robert Rolleston, late Provost.

f. 116.—Inquisition post mortem of J. Ellerker at Clifton, 19 Edward IV.

f. 117.—Inspeximus of tax of Fifteenth and Tenth for the lay fees of the Provostry. Total, £26 2s. 0¾d.

Fly-leaves.—Fragment of Court Roll of Beverley.

The Prebends and Parishioners of the Minster.

[Town Minute Book, 1420 to 1470.]

1425.
6 Henry VI.
3 July.

Discharge of the town of Beverley from subsidies because no parish church in it, except S. Nicholas, Holmekirk.

f. 14.—Disoneratio ville Beverlaci de dictis subsidiis preterquam de ecclesia et parochianis de Holmkirke, Beverlaci, ut sequitur, per indenturam declarationis eorumdem.

Inquisitio capta pro Domino Rege coram Roberto Rudstane et Willelmo Souleby, ballivis libertatis venerabilis patris Domini Johannis, Archiepiscopi Eboracensis, infra Burgum Beverlaci apud Beverlacum, tertio die Julii anno regni Regis Henrici sexti sexto, virtute cujusdam mandati Willelmi Sewardeby de Sewardeby, senioris, Thome Constable de Catfosse, Roberti Ledys de Sledmer etc., ut supra in commissione etc. collectoribus duorum subsidiorum Domino Regi in parliamento suo apud Westmonasterium in quindena Sancti Michaelis ultimi preteriti tento concessorum infra Estrithingum in comitatu Ebor. assignatis, eisdem Ballivis directi, per sacramentum Willelmi Cokerell, Johannis atte Welle, Willelmi Wilton, Walteri Barbour, Ricardi Beford, Willelmi Holme, Thome Wayte littester, Rogeri Penycoke, Willelmi Lincoln, Johannis Skipwith, Willelmi Wenselay et Laurencii de Carr de Beverlaco, ex consensu dictorum collectorum juratorum;

Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod infra villam et burgum Beverlaci predictum est una ecclesia parochialis S. Nicolai, vulgariter nuncupata Holmkirke, que ab antiquo taxatur ad decem marcas; cujus quidem fructus redditus et proventus communi estimatione valent per annum decem marcas, et non amplius; et quod plures quam decem sunt inhabitantes et domicilia tenentes infra parochiam ejusdem ecclesie.

The Prebends in the Minster.

Item dicunt quod in ecclesia collegiata Beati Johannis Beverlaci ibidem sunt octo prebende, vulgariter nuncupate:

1. Prebenda S. Martini.
2. Prebenda S. Andree.
3. „ S. Marie Virginis.
4. „ S. Petri.
5. „ S. Stephani.
6. „ S. Jacobi.
7. „ S. Michaelis.
8. „ S. Katerine.

quarum prebendarum aliquarum altaribus in dicta ecclesia collegiata aliquibus et capelle Beate Marie Beverlaci infrascripte, viz.:

S. Martin's altar in the chapel over the charnel in the Minster Yard, and S. Mary's Chapel annexed to it.

Altari S. Martini in capella supra charnellum in cimiterio dicte ecclesie collegiate erecta, et capelle Beate Marie virginis Beverlaci infra villam et burgum Beverlaci predictum fundate et erecte, ac eidem altari annexe.

Necnon et altaribus prebendarum Beate Marie Virginis, S. Stephani, S. Jacobi et S. Katerine in dicta ecclesia collegiata universi inhabitantes et domicilia tenentes infra villam et burgum predictum residui sunt separatim parochiani, et percipiunt sacramenta et sacramentalia sua separatim, in forma que subscribitur, in eisdem.

Et dicunt quod alie vel plures parochie vel ecclesie parochiales infra villam et burgum Beverlaci, preterquam ut predicitur, non existunt.

Small tithes to Vicar 10 marks.

Offerings and Great tithes to

Item dicunt quod fructus redditus et proventus eorundem altaris et capelle provenientes de parochianis qui percipiunt sacramenta et sacramentalia sua ad dictum altare S. Martini et in dicta capella Beate Marie eidem annexa, preter et ultra decimas quadragesimales eorundem parochianorum, que pertinent ad Prebendarium dicte prebende Sancti Martini pro tempore existentem ut in jure ejusdem prebende, ut inferius fit mentio, valent communi estimatione, ut de minutis decimis eorundem parochianorum extendentibus se ad valorem decem marcarum, que ad Vicarium eorundem altaris et capelle pro tempore existentem pertinent; et ut de oblationibus et decimis eorundem parochianorum residuis extendentibus se ad valorem £10 per annum, que ad Canonicos dicte ecclesie Collegiate Residentiarios pro tempore existentes pertinent £16 3s. 4d. per annum; et dicunt quod Prebenda illa S. Martini, que taxatur ad £45, dotata est de dictis decimis quadragesimalibus, que valent per annum communi estimatione £14; et de quinque tenementis infra dictum Burgum eidem prebende pertinentibus que valent inter se de annuo redditu, 50s.; et de travis diversarum parochiarum Eboracensis diocesis, ac de redditibus et servitiis aliis extra dictam villam et Burgum; que portiones infra et extra predictam villam connumerate cadunt in valore et sub taxa ejusdem prebende.

Canons Residentiary £16 3 4.

Prebendary of S. Martin's: Lent Tithes £14. Rents of 5 houses £2 10. Thraves. Whole value £45.

Item dicunt quod prebenda S. Andree, que taxatur ad £27, nullos habens parochianos infra dictum burgum, dotata est de travis de diversis parochiis dicte diocesis, et de redditibus et firmis de North Burton et Tikton, extra dictum Burgum Beverlaci; que portiones cadunt in valore et sub taxa ejusdem prebende.

S. Andrew's Prebend: Thraves. Rents of Cherry Burton and Tickton. Total £27, No parishioners in Beverley.

Item dicunt quod predicta prebende Beate Marie, que taxatur ad £16 dotata est de octo tenementis infra Burgum Beverlaci, que valent inter se de annuo redditu 40s., et quarum octo inhabitantes domicilia tenentes sunt parochiani altari Beate Marie in dicta ecclesia collegiata, quorum oblaciones et decime valent 3s. 4d. per annum, et non amplius; et ulterius dotata est de travis de diversis parochiis dicte diocesis, et de redditibus et fructibus in North Burton extra dictum Burgum, que portiones cadunt in valore et sub taxa ejusdem prebende.

B. V. M's. Prebend: 8 tenements in B. £2. Offerings 3s. 4d. Thraves. Rents in North Burton. Total £16. 8 parishioners in Beverley.

Item dicunt quod predicta prebenda Beati Petri, que taxatur ad £25, nullos habens parochianos infra dictum burgum Beverlaci dotata est de diversis travis [etc.] cum minutis decimis et oblationibus, ac etiam de redditibus et firmis in villis de Etton et Risby, que portiones [etc.].

B. Peter's Prebend: Thraves. Small tithes, offerings, rents in Etton and Risby. No parishioners in Beverley. Total £25.

Item dicunt quod predicta prebenda S. Stephani, que taxatur ad £25, dotata est de 3 tenementis infra burgum Beverlaci, que sunt vacua et inhabitata; et ulterius dotata est de travis [etc.] et decimis garbarum, vellerum, et agnorum in una medietate ville de Mollescroft; et de redditibus et firmis et pensionibus in diversis parochiis dicte diocesis extra dictum burgum B. que portiones etc.

S. Stephen's Prebend: 3 Tenements in Beverley uninhabited. Thraves. Tithes of sheaves, fleeces, and lambs in ½ Molscroft. Rents and payments in other parishes. Total £25.

Item dicunt quod dicta prebenda S. Jacobi, que taxatur ad £26, dotata est [? tribus tenementis in Burgo Beverlaci] habens 3 parochianos inhabitantes et domicilia tenentes infra Burgum Beverlaci, et non plures; quorum decime et

S. James's Prebend 3 parishioners in Beverley 1s. a year. Tithes of sheaves, fleeces and lambs in

Aike, and ½ Molscroft £26.

oblationes valent 12^d per annum, et non amplius; et ulterius dotata est de decimis garbarum, vellerum et agnorum in villa de Ake, et in medietate ville de Mollescroft, et travis, redditibus et firmis et pensionibus in diversis parochiis [etc.] que portiones [etc.].

S. Michael's Prebend £17. Tithes of lands and pastures in the Archbishop's Park, outside the borough. Tithes, etc.

Item dicunt quod predicta prebenda S. Michaelis, que taxatur ad £17, dotata est de decimis terrarum et pasturarum infra parcum prefati Domini Archiepiscopi extra dictum Burgum et diversis redditibus [etc.].

S. Katherine's Prebend. 5 tenements and parishioners in Beverley. Offerings 15d. a year. Money of strangers, &c., coming to High Altar for reverence of S. John of Beverley. Total 10 marks.

Item dicunt quod prebenda S. Katerine, que taxatur ad decem marcas, dotata est de quinque tenementis infra burgum, que valent inter se de annuo redditu 25^s., et quorum quinque inhabitantes domicilia tenentes et non plures sunt parochiani altari S. Katerine in eadem ecclesia collegiata, quorum decime et oblationes valent 15^d per annum et non amplius; et ulterius dotata est de denariis summo altari ejusdem ecclesie collegiate provenientibus de oblationibus peregrinorum ad eandem ecclesiam collegiatam ob reverentiam Dei et ob devotionem Beati Johannis Beverlaci, et aliis eidem altari provenientibus; que tenementa et denarii cadunt in valore et sub taxa ejusdem prebende.

Dignities Precentor 10 Chancellor 10 marks. Sacrist 12, formerly victuals, now money from Provostry.

Item dicunt [quod] in ecclesia collegiate sunt dignitates, videlicet—

Precentoria que ad	10 marcas,	
Cancellaria	do.	
Sacristaria,	12	,,

taxantur, et sunt dotate olim de victualibus, nunc de denariis provenientibus de exitibus Prepositure ecclesie collegiate Beverlaci extra villam et burgum predictam, per manus Prepositi ejusdem ecclesie pro tempore existentis.

Common Fund 100 marks, formerly victuals, now money from Provost.

Item dicunt quod communia ecclesie Beverlaci que taxantur ad 100 marcas olim consistebant de victualibus, et nunc consistunt de denariis provenientibus de exitibus Prepositure et Bederne Beverlaci per manus Prepositi predicti pro tempore existentis.

In cujus rei testimonium predicti jurati huic inquisitioni sigilla sua apposuerunt. Dat. loco, die et anno supradictis.

Veredictum juratorum de dictis 2 subsidiis.

Inquisitio capta per Domino Rege coram Roberto Rudstane, ut supra etc., tali die, ut supra etc., virtute mandati etc. collectoribus duorum subsidiorum etc. ut supra.

Qui dicunt etc. ut supra ad hoc signum + et ulterius dicunt quod infra villam et burgum Beverlaci non sunt alie vel plures ecclesie parochiales nisi tantum predicta ecclesia parochialis de Holmkirke. In cujus rei, etc.

No. 11. *De abbatia Beverlaci.**

[From Corpus Christi College, Camb. MS. No. 298.]

A.D. dclxxiiij° mensis Septembris xij° die, consecratus est S. Johannes primo in Episcopum Hagulstaldensem per Theodorum Archiepiscopum Cantuariensem.

In principio scilicet regni Regis Deirorum Alfridi, A.D. dclxxx, translatus est S. Johannes ad ecclesiam Eboracensem, annuente eodem Rege Alfrido.

A.D. dclxxxxij in loco antiquitus dicto Deirwoda, Latine silva Deirorum, nunc Beverlic, recepit Beatus Johannes ecclesiam parochialem loci illius pridem in honore S. Johannis Evangeliste fabricatam, quam in ecclesiam conventualem et parochialem eodem anno erigere cepit; fundans ibidem Abbatiam, in qua constituit monachos Deo servituros, quibus prefecit patrem et Abbatem primum Beatum Berthinum. Quibus etiam associavit septem presbiteros seculares cum septem clericis Levitis. Et in oratorio S. Martini ad australem partem ecclesie sitam statuit moniales, quibus prefecit Beatam Polfridam.

A.D. 692.
John, Bishop of York, turns the parish church of S. John the Evangelist Beverley into a conventual church, founding an abbey of monks, 7 secular priests, and in S. Martin's chapel on S. of church, nuns.

A.D. dccxxj decessit Beatus Johannes et in monasterio suo quod Beverlic dicitur tumulatur.

A.D. dccxxiij° decessit Beatus Berthinus Abbas, cui successit Beatus Wynwaldus abbas Beverlic qui decessit A.D. dcclj° et huic successit venerabilis Abbas Beverlic Ulfelth, qui obiit A.D. dcclxxxiij°.

A.D. dccxlij Beata Polfrida in ecclesia Beverlaci honorifice umulatur.

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* This appears to be the authority for Leland's notes on the early history of Beverley.

This document is written in a sixteenth century hand of the reign of Henry VIII. or thereabouts, continuously with part of a Papal bull relating to Hereford Cathedral, abolishing the "custom, or rather corruption," by which canons on becoming resident had to entertain the canons and others beneficed in the church for 40 days, more or less, at a cost of £100 sterling, which are worth about 600 francs.

They lasted 146 years to Hungar and Hubba's invasion.

Et sciendum est quod post decessum S. Johannis monachi, moniales et septem presbiteri cum septem clericis felici et inconcusso successu locum istum inhabitant (*sic*) cxlvj annis continuis usque scilicet adventum Hungar et Hubba Paganorum Beverlacum, qui universos monachos, moniales et quosdam de presbiteris et clericis occiderunt, et quosdam diffugarunt, ecclesiam et locum combusserunt.

After 3 years the priests and clerks returned.

Et post tres annos supradicti presbiteri et clerici qui supererant accesserunt ecclesiam, et locum reparantes, numerumque utriusque gradus septinarium redintegrantes, vixerunt sub tributo Paganicis Regibus soluto lv annis usque, scilicet, ad regnum Regis Adelstani, qui cepit regnare anno dccccxxv.

Adelstanus Rex anno regni suo x° venit Beverlacum, ubi meritis et protectione Beati Johannis se commendans, vovit quod si ipsius Sancti intercessione victor de Scotia reverteretur ecclesiam Beverlacensem regali munificentia exalteret.

Qui devicto Rege Scotorum Constantino, et exacta tota Scotia cum insulis adjacentibus ipsius Adelstani et successorum Regum Anglie imperio, rediit Beverlacum.

A.D. 938.

Athelstan, by the advice of Archbishop Walstan of York, made Beverley a college of 7 secular canons, and 7 clerks, deacons.

Adelstanus Rex anno regni suo xiij°, qui est A.D. dccccxxxviij°, et a primeva fundatione abbatie Beverlaci ccxlvj annis, et a depositione Beati Johannis ccxvij°, de consilio Wlstani Eboracensis Archiepiscopi fecit et ordinavit ecclesiam Beverlacensem collegium, et statuit prefatis septem presbiteros fore decetero canonicos seculares, et habitum gerere canonicalem; septem vero clericos alium habitum convenientem, et eos statuit fungi officio Levitarum.

Et hoc anno dedit Adelstanus dominium suum de Beverlaco S. Johanni et Archiepiscopo Wlstano ejusque successoribus. Dedit insuper eodem anno ecclesie Beverlaci et canonicis thravas suas in Estridingia, et pacem de quocunque flagitio: Et anno tertio sequente apud Malmesbyrye sepelitur; qui est A.D. dccccxlj.

A.D. 1037.

S. John of Beverley canonised and translated. Sacrist, Chancellor, and Precentor created.

A.D. millesimo xxxvij° canonizatus est Beatus Johannes tempore Johannis Pape XX^mi^ et eodem anno translatus est per Alfricum tunc Eborum Archiepiscopum, per quem etiam eodem anno ordinati sunt primo in ecclesia Beverlaci custos ecclesie, cancellarius et Precentor.

A.D. 1064.

Archbishop Ealdred established separate houses for the canons, an 8th canon, and vicars.

A.D. millesimo lxiiij° Aldredus, Eborum Archiepiscopus statuit prefatos septem canonicos Beverlaci, qui usque tunc cum suis clericis et aliis ministris in uno refectorio et dormitorio infra Bedernam simul conversabantur et co-

habitabant, ut de cetero haberent extra Bedernam singulas mansiones prebendales, in quibus ad libitum habitarent. Et eodem anno constituit et ordinavit supradictos septem canonicos habere sub se singulos vicarios; et eodem anno ordinavit idem pater octavum canonicum cum suo vicario.

LELAND'S NOTICES OF BEVERLEY.

[Itinerary, i., 47.]

From Lekingfeld to Beverle 2 miles. 1532.

These thinges I noted yn Beverle.

The Collegiate Chirche of S. John of a fair uniforme making, wherein, besides the Tumbes of Sainctes, be 3 Tumbes most notable on the N. side of the Quier; yn one of them with a chapel archid over it is buried Percy Erl of Northumberland, and his sun, father to the last Earle.

In another is buried Eleanor, wife to one of the Lord Percys; and yn another of white alabaster Idonea Lady Percy, wife to one of the Lord Percys. Under Eleanor's tumbe is buried one of the Percys, a preste.

The Prebendaries houses stand round aboute S. John's Chirche Yard: whereof the Bishop of York hath one, motid, but all yn Ruine.

The fairest part of the Provostes house is the gate and the front.

There be besydes yn
and the Chirche of S. Nicolas by the Holm, wher the Gut*
for the catchis is . . . . . Chirche at the North Ende of the towne is large and fair and crosse islid.

In the town were of late 2 houses of Freres.

The Blak Freres, as sum say of one Goldsmithes fundation, and also of the Townes; but the Lord Darcy of late tyme strove for the patronage of it with the Town.

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* *i.e.*, the narrow part of the Beck for the ketches. The narrow part of the river at Oxford is still called the Gut.

The Grey Freres of the fundation of the Huthomes,* gentlemen of Scorburg by Lekingfield. The last Erle of Northumberland save one, strave for the patronage of it.

There were 4 Hospitales in the Town:

S. Giles, where one Wuse, as it is thought, afore the Conquest was. It was belonging to the Bishops of Yorke only to such tyme that Bishop Giffard intitled it to Wartre, a Priorie of Canons in Yorkshire. It came a late to the Erle of Rutheland, and he suppressid it.

Trinity Hospital yet standith in the hart of the Toun. Sum say one Ake foundid it.

Ther was an Hospital of S. Nicholas by the Blak Freres, but it is dekayid.

Ther is an Hospitale yet standyng, hard without the North Bar Gate, of the foundation of 2 marchant men, Akeborow and Hogekin Overshal. As I remembre ther is an image of Our Lady over this Hospitale Gate.

Ther is an House also of the Trinitie aboute the Est side of the Toune, and longid to the Order of the Knighttes of S. John's.

The Toune of Beverle is large and welle buildid of Wood. But the fairest part of it is by North, and ther is the Market kept.

Ther was good clothmaking at Beverle, but that is now much decayid.

The Toune is not wallid; but yet be there many fair gates of Brike, North Barre, Newbigin Bar by West, and Kellegate Barre by West also.

From Beverle to Cotingham a three mile, whereof 2 was well woddid, and at the 2 miles end I left the great Park of Beverle on the left hond; and so a mile by low Medow grounde to Cotingham.

Al the ground about Cotingham up to Meaux Abbey, and al that quarter that goith up on every side up to Kingston upon Hulle is low ground, very fruteful of medow and pasture.

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* *i.e.*, Hothams.

[Itinerary, vii., 140.]

Godmundham is a mile from Whighton by Est. Harpham yn the Woolde not very far from Driffield.

Ecclesia S. Nicolai in Beverlac; vulgo Holme Church, ubi fossa pro naviculis: the cut out of Hulle River to the Bridge at Holme, on the cut about half a mile.

South Burton, alias Bishops Burton, 2 miles from Beverle on the way to York.

Walkington a 2 miles by West from Beverle.

North Burton half a mile S.W. from Lekingfeld.

Scorburg a mile N.E. from Lekingfeld.

Dalton a 4 miles N.W. from Beverle. The Provost hath a praty house there.

Molescroft Cross, a limit of the Sanctuarie hard by, entering Lekingfeld Park from Beverle.

There was another toward North Burton a mile owt of Beverle.

Ther was another toward Kinwalgreves a mile owt of Beverle.

Ther was another cross by S. toward Humber.

All these were markes of Sanctuarie, ech a mile out of Beverle.

[Collectanea,* vol. iv., ed. 1774, f. 99.]

Ex libro incerti autoris de vita Sancti Joannis archiepiscopi Ebor: sive de antiquitate Beverlacensi, quem in 3. divisit partes.

Ex 1. parte.

In Bernicia est Hexham, Richemont, Carlel et Copland.

In Deira est Eboracum et Beverlic et multa alia loca nominatiss[ima].

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* Johannis Lelandi, Antiquarii, De Rebus Britannicis Collectanea cum Thome Hearnii prefatione notis et indice ad editionem primam. Londini: apud. Benj White in Fleet Street. MDCCLXXIV.

Antiquitus sola illa patria, que est introclusa mari orientali Deirwenta et Humbra, Deira vocabatur, nunc vero Estridingia.

Deirwent, id est, Deire, vel Deiorum vadum notorie, vocatur.

Cava Deira respectu altioris inter mare et Humbriam, et quia extenditur instar nasi, additur ab incolis hec syllaba nesse, et dicitur vulgariter Holdernes.

Coifi archiflamen ultimus paganici ritus Ebor:

Godmundingham locus idolorum non longe ab Eboraco ad orient: plagam ultra flumen Dargwent.

Paulinus baptisavit in Trenta flu: juxta civitatem Tiowlfingacester.

S. Joannes, archiepiscopus Ebor: natus (ut vulgo creditur) in villa de Harpham.

Folchardus Cantuar: scripsit vitam D. Joannis archiepiscopi Ebor:

S. Joannes primus doctor Theolog. in Oxonia. Beda discipulus divi Joannis.

D. Joannes discipulus Theodori, arch: Cantuar.

Harneshal Super Tinam.

S. Joannes fuit heremita apud Harneshalg, i.e. montem Aquile, super ripam Tine prope Hexam.

Alfridus rex fautor S. Joannis.

S. Joannes successit Eate, episcopo Haugustalden.

S. Joannes frequentabat oratorium Sancti Michaëlis prope Hexham.

S. Joannes factus archiepiscopus Ebor: Herebaldus discipulus S. Joannis comesque individuus. Brithunus, postea abbas Beverlac: discipulus S. Joannis. S. Sigga, diaconus S. Joannis. Wilfridus junior postea archi: Ebor: discipulus S. Joannis.

Herebergus abbatissa de Wetandun.

Quenburgis monacha de Wetandun curata à D. Joaune.

Deirewald locus nemorosus, id est, sylva Deiorum, postea Beverlac, quasi locus, vel lacus, castorum, dictus à castoribus quibus Hulla aqua vicina abundabat.

S. Joannes reperit in Beverlic ecclesiam parochialem S. Joanni evangeliste sacram. Acquisito hujus loci situ et dominio predictam ecclesiam auctam in monasterium convertit, et monachis assignavit.

Charnellum S. Martini.

Presbyterium, hoc est, chorum ecclesie de novo ibi construxit, habente priori eccl: S. Joann: locum in navi eccl:

Fabricavit ad australem predicte ecclesie oratorium S. Martini, ubi postea moniales collocavit. Associavit monasteriis istis septem presbyteros et totidem clericos in navi ecclesie S. Joannis.

S. Joannes acquisivit suis monasteriis manerium de Ridinges. Ex tunc construxit eccles: S. Nicholai in fundo dominii sui.

Puch comes quidam habens manerium apud australem Burton 2. pass. mil. à Beverlic. Yolfrida, filia comitis Puch, monialis facta apud Beverlic, cujus matrem liberaverat S. Joannes ab egritudine. Puch dedit cum filia maner: de Walkington. Yolfrida obiit 3 Id. Mart: anno D. 742 cujus ossa sepulta S. Beverlaci.

Addi, comes de boreali Burton, dedit bor[ealem] Burton cum ejusdem eccl[esie] advocatione eccl: de Beverlic tempore S. Joannis archiepiscopi.

Post hec constructe capelle in Lekingfeld et Scorburgh que fuerunt in parochia de Burton, que processu temporis facte sunt eccl: parochiales.

Herebaldus, discipulus S. Joan: abbas de Tynmuth.

Ofredus rex ob amorem S. Joannis dedit Dalton eccl: Ebor: in qua villa eatenus fuerat manerium regis.

S. Joannes relicto episcopo 4 annos transegit in Beverlac:

S. Joannes comparavit eccl: de Beverlic terras in Midleton, in Welwik, in Bilton et Patrington.

Obiit Brithunus 1^s abbas Beverlac: Idibus Maii anno D. 733. et sepultus juxta S. Joannem.

Winwaldus monachus ejusdem loci abbas 2. obiit anno D. 751.

Wulfeth 3. abbas Beverlac: obiit anno D. 773.

Ceterorum abbatum nomina ignota.

Anno 146, à depositione S. Joannis destructum monasterium Beverlac: à Danis, cum libris et ornamentis omnibus.

Monasterium de Beverlac mansit triennio desolatum. Postea redierunt presbyteri et clerici ad Beverlac, et locum reparaverunt.

Ex 2. parte.

Beverlac: villa sita in hundreda de Sneculfcros.

Athelstanus rex venit ad Beverlac, et victis Scottis novum ibidem collegium instituit canonicorum secularium.

Villa S. Joannis in Scotia sic nominata ab Athelstano ob amorem quem habuit erga eccl: S. Joannis Beverlac:

Adelstanus terras ecclesie Beverlaci dedit in Brandesburton et Lokington.

Rex Athelstanus* suum jus de† Hestrassia, id est, de pabulo equorum, quod ei in Estriding singulis annis solvebatur.

S. Joannis vexillum assumptum ab Athelstano quo tempore debellavit Scottos.

Athelstanus signum querens quo jure dinosceret Scottos subjectos jure Anglis, gladio alte vulneravit saxum apud Dunbar.

Deira que clauditur uno latere flu: Darwent, ex altero Humbre flu: ex 3. latere ma: septentr: vel orient:

Charta ibidem Æthelstani regis de immunitate et libertate, denique asylo terrarum S. Joannis, Saxonice scripta.

Crux ultra vallem Molescroft, una metarum pacis et asyli S. Joannis.

Æthelstanus rex statuit, ut Beverlacus esset caput totius Estridingie.

Athelstanus hec privilegia confirmavit anno D. 938 et à depositione S. Joannis 217.

Ab hoc tempore devenit villa Beverlaci esse amplior, et populi magnus fuit confluxus.

His temporibus confluente populo consensu Canonicorum Beverlac: constructe sunt 2. capelle Ebor: una in honore Beate Marie, alia in honore S. Thome apostoli, salvo jure matricis eccl:

Alfricus 17. archiepiscopus Ebor: transtulit ossa S. Joannis.

Annulus cum fragmentis libri evangeliorum inventus in sarcophago S. Johannis.

Facta est translatio anno à depositione Johannis 316. anno D. 1037. 8. Cal. Novembr. tempore Edwardi ante quam reg: confec: fuisset dignit.

Hec scriptura inventa postea in theca reliquiarum S. Joannis. "Anno D. 1188, mense Septembr: combusta fuit eccl: S. Joannis in sequenti nocte post festum Mathei apostoli." Translata sunt eodem tempore ossa S. Brithuni, abbatis Beverlac:

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* Deest aliquid.

† Horstrassa supra lin. in excerptis Galeanis.

Hic Alfridus, episcopus Ebor: ordinavit 3. officiarios in eccl: Beverlac: Sacristam, Cancellarium et Precentorem, habitum canonicum gestaturos.

Hic Alfridus acquisivit à quodam Fortio divite pecunia sua terram apud Midleton, Holme et Fridaythorp.

Hic etiam Alfridus ab Edwardo rege impetravit, ut 3. ferie annue essent Beverlac: Hic etiam consuetudinem fecerunt, ut vicini nobiliores ter in anno jejuni et discalciati reliquias S. Joannis intra et extra villam sequerentur. Hic etiam refectorium et dormitorium deposuit apud Beverlac fabricari; sed morte preventus est.

Kinsius, archiepiscopus Ebor, turrim in eccl: excelsam fabricavit apud Beverlac:

Aldredus, archi: Ebor: refectorium et dormitorium in Bederna Ebor: perfecit.

Edwardus rex instantia Aldredi dedit eccl. Beverlac: dominium in Leven.

Hic primus septem canonicos fecit prebendarios.

Hic etiam prebendariis certa loca assignavit et vicarios eis designavit.

Hic Aldredus veterem ecclesiam novo presbyterio decoravit.

Hic etiam addidit 8^{m} canonicum prebendarium.

Hic à presbyterio ad turrim totam ecclesiam pictorio opere, quod celum appellabat, exornavit.

Hic supra ostium chori pulpitum aere, auro, argento, auro, mirabili opere Theutonico exornavit.

Ex 3. parte.

Alueredus historicus, sacrista et thesaur: Beverlac: scripsit historiam de rebus Anglicis.

Rex Gul: primus fixerat tentoria 7. mil. pass. ab Beverlaco.

Thurstinus, miles Gul. 1^{i}. insequutus est veteranum in eccl: Beverlac: stricto gladio et ibi miserr. morbo correptus est.

Gul: 1^{s}. dedit Siglesthorn eccl: Beverlac: et precepit ne ejus exerc: eccl: Beverlac lederent.

Gul: 1^{s}. rex Marcharo comiti et Gamello filio Osberni.

Thomas senior, archi: Ebor: dedit Thome juniori, nepoti suo, propter discordiam canonic: novam dignitatem, i.e. preposituram de Beverlac: ita tamen ut neque vocem in cap^{o}, neque stallum choro haberet.

Locus, qui Bederna antiquitus dicebatur, nunc est domus prepositi, et nova Bederna adjuncta est ejus domui, ubi nunc sunt vicarii prebendariorum, quibus Prepositus stipendia persolvit.

Ex libello adjuncto de prepositis Beverlac:

Thomas junior 1s.

Thurstinus 2s postea archi: Ebor: Hic primus archi: Ebor: habuit prebendam in Beverlac: et hanc dignit: retinuere ejus success: archi: Ebor:

Thomas Normannus 3.
Robertus 4.
Thomas Beket 5s.
Robertus 6.
Galfridus 7, temporibus Henrici 2i.
Simon 8.
Fulco Basset 9.
Joannes Cheshul 10.
Gulielmus Ebor: 11 tempore Henrici 3i inde episcopus Sarum.
Joannes Maunsel 12. Hic fuit thesaur: Ebor:
Alanus 13.
Morganus 14.
Petrus de Chester 15.
Haymo de Charto alienigena 16. Hic fuit prepositura privatus, et postea factus est episcopus Gibennensis.
Robertus de Alburwick 17.
Magister Walterus 18.
Gul: de Metton 19.
Nicol. Hugate 20.
Gul: Delamar 21, tempore Eduardi 3i.
Richardus de Ravenser 22, qui prepposituram melioravit.
Adam Limbergh 23.
Mr Joannes Thoresby 24.
Mr Robertus Manfeld 25.
Gul. Kinwolmarsch 26, postea thesaur: Anglie.
Robertus Neville 27. Hic edificavit turrim in Bederna tempore Henrici 6i.
Robertus Rolleston 28.
Joannes Berningham 29, fuit thesaur: Ebor:
Laurentius Bouth 30, postea episcopus Dunelmen: et archi: Ebor:

Mr Joannes Bouth 31, postea Exon: episcopus.
Henricus Webber 32.
Petrus Tastar alienigena 33.
Gul: Potman 34.
Hugo Trotter 35.
Thomas Dalby 37 (*sic*).
Thomas Winter 38.

Chantry Certificates, Yorks., No. 73.

Also ther is solde by the Kynges maiesties Commissioners at his last saile of colledge land and chauntre land iij^{li} by yere which was percell of the land perteynyng to the church worke of beuerlay afor saide which I omitt out of the valew aboue written bycause the Kynges maiestie hath receyued monay for the same.

Also the same church had taken downe and defaiced from it one chernell which was . . . . deadmenes bones . . . . church porche adioynyng to y^{e} same. A chapiter house and a little chapell called the [chapel] of oure Ladye by Syr . . . . Stanhop Knyght who solde the same to dyvers men for one hundreth poundes as doth [appear] by the byll of the . . . . yet . . . . to be shewed.

Also the said parich church is in such Ruyne and decay at this present that two . . . .

Also Thomas . . . . l clerke vicar of the saide church of beuerlay Thomas Dryng William G. . . . . clerkes, assistantes to the saide vicar, haue assigned by the chauncellor of the . . . . for . . . . in houses and chambres parcell of the . . . .

[The rest of the document is torn away.]

The Decree of the Exchequer for the Mynster Lands.

[In possession of Beverley Town Council.]

Gubernatores et alii inhabitantes ville de Beverlay. 1552. 28 Nov.

Edwardus Sextus, Dei gratia Anglie Francie et Hibernie Rex, fidei Defensor, et in terra ecclesie Anglicane et Hibernie Supremum caput, Omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint, Salutem.

Inspeximus inter recorda et irrotulamenta Curie nostre Augmentationum et Revencionum corone nostre quoddam decretum per Cancellarium et supervisores curie predicte factum in hec verba.

Memorandum.—Wheare the Burgesses and Commonaltie of the towne of Beverley within the countie of Yorke have exhibited their bill of complaynte unto the Kinges Hignes shewinge by the same bill that wheare theire was a great parishe churche within the said towne of Beverlay (*sic*), called St. John of Beverley churche, within whiche churche there was lately a college, whiche hadd dyvers manors landes tenements and hereditaments belonginge to the same, amounting to the value of £1,000, all whiche manors landes tenements and hereditamentes are now commen into the King's Highnes handes, by reason of a statute made for the dissolucion of Colleges, Chauntries, Frechapells and others, in the first yere of his reigne; And that for the necessarie reparacions of the saide churche longe tyme synce theire were gyven and assured certayne landes and woodes of the yerely value of thre score poundes and above, whiche were not within the compase of the saide Statute and neverthelesse the rentes and proffittes thereof receyved to the Kings Highnes use ever sithens the dissolucion of the said College; by reason whereof the said churche was in greate decay and in shorte space lyke to fall in utter ruyne and decay, The parishioners theire not beinge able to repaier the same. It mighte theirefore please his Highnes to graunte unto the said Burgesses and Communaltie the saide threscore poundes and above beinge assured unto them by graunte and gifte for thuse afforesaid, as in the said supplicacion emongste other thinges apperyd,

Whiche supplicacion and the mater thereof the Lordes of the Kinges Maiesties most honorable Counsayle by theire lettres from Hampton Courte the sixte day of Julie last paste dyd referr to the consideracion of the Chauncellour and generall Surveyers of the Courte of Thaugmentacions and Revenues of the Kinges Maiesties Crowne, whoo upon the same consideracion shoulde advertise the Kinges Maiesties said Counsayle what they shoulde fynde tochinge the saide mater.

Whereuppon the saide Chauncellour and generall Surveyors upon the due examinacion and consideracion of the said peticion and the mater theireof and by serche of recordes tochinge the Kinges title to the premisses dyd fynde the saide Landes and woodes to be the possessions of the said College and that the Kinges Highnes haith good righte and tytle to the same by force of the said statute. Nevertheless the same Chauncellour and generall Surveyors founde by the further serche of the certificate made by the Commyssioners for the late survey of Colleges Chauntries and others in the said Countie remayninge of recorde in the said Courte, that theire was an office called thoffice of the Worckes within the saide Collegiate Churche whiche hadd landes and tenementes and other proffittes to the yerely value of thre score eighte poundes xii^{d} assigned unto it, And that with the profittes thereof the officer of the sayd workes for the time beinge dyd repayer the said churche from tyme to tyme, beinge a parishe churche, and was accomptable to the same late Colledge for the same.

Of all whiche thinges the said Chauncellour and generall Surveyors dyd certifie the Kinges Maiesties said Counsayle as they were commaunded, and thorder theyreof beinge retorned to the saide Courte agayne for that, that the said churche is veray greate and ruinuse and yet verey necessarie to be upholden, the said towne beinge a markett towne verey notable and populouse and the parishes theirein verey greate; and in consideracion of thother circumstances before reheresed.

It is orderyd and decreyd by the sayde Chauncellour and generall Surveyors in the terme of S. Michaell, that is to say, the twelfte day of Novembre in the sixte yere of the reigne of our Soveraigne Lorde Edwarde the Sixte, by the grace of God Kinge of Englonde Fraunce and Irelonde, Defender of the faythe, and of the churche of Englonde and also of Irelonde in earthe the supreme hedd, That the twelve Governours of the said towne of Beverlay afforesaide and theire successores for the tyme beinge shall receyve and tayke the rentes issues and proffittes of so mouche of the said landes tenementes hereditamentes and woodes, called and knowen by the name of the rentes and fermes of the office of the workes of the said churche, as are yet remayninge in the Kinges Highnes handes, And are of the cleare yerely value of thirtie three poundes eightene shillinges and tenne pennce, as by a particuler theireof made by John Bellowe, particuler

Surveyor of the Kinges landes within the Easte Riddinge of the said Countie, shewyd furthe by the saide Piticioners upon the makinge of this decree, apperyde.

And wheare the Kinges Maiestie by way of Eschange is pleasid and contented to gyve and graunte to the highe and mightie Prynce, John, Dukc of Northumberlande and to his heires, the Manor of Bentley with thappurtenaunces beinge of the cleare yerely value of eightene poundes fyve shillinges tenne pence, and beinge parcell of the saide landes tenementes and hereditaments belonginge to the said office of the Workes of the said Churche,

It is orderyd and decreed that the said twelve Governours of the said towne of Beverley, and theire successours for the tyme beinge, shall receyve and take the rentes issues and proffittes of all the landes tenementes and hereditamentes belonging to the two late Chauntries of S. John of Beverlay, and S. William, founded in the Collegiate Churche of Sayncte John of Beverlay aforesaid, beinge of the cleare yerely value of fouretene poundes eightene shillings foure pence, And that the said xij. Governours of the saide towne shall also receyve deteyne and kepe in theire owne handes all that annuall pencion of foure poundes threttene shillinges and foure pence, whiche was payable by them to the Kinges Highnes yerely in the righte of the late Chauntrie of S. Katheryne, founded in the churche of Our Lady within the saide towne of Beverlay.

And it is orderyd and decreed that the said twelve Governours of the said towne for the tyme beinge shall imploy all the said rentes issues and proffittes afforesaide and the said pencion upon the reparacions of the sayd churche, from hensfourthe yerely, as necessitie shall requyer, and as before tyme haith bene accustomyd to be imployed and bestowed; And shall yelde accompte theireof yerely to the Kinges Maiesties Auditor of the saide Countie for the tyme beinge how they shall imploy and lay oute the same.

And it is further orderyd and decreyd by the said Chauncellour and generall Surveyors that the said twelve Governoures of the saide towne of Beverlay nowe beinge shall have the arrerages all of the premisses, whiche belonge to the said office of the workes of the said churche, before the said eschange, amountyng to the some of threscore and twoo poundes fourtene shillinges and eighte pence, for one holle yere endyd at the feaste of S. Michaell Tharchaungell last paste, to be payed to them by thandes of the Receyviour of the Revenues of the sayd Courte within the said Countie, imediately upon the making of this decree, for and towardes the reparacions of the said churche presentlye to be done.

Wheareof it is also orderyd that the sayd twelve Governours for the tyme beinge shall make accompte before the Kinges sayd Auditor in what maner the same shalbe imployed.

Nos autem tenorem decreti predicti ad requisicionem dictorum duodecem (*sic*) Gubernatorum et aliorum inhabitancium dicte ville de Beverley duximus exemplificandum per presentes.

In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes.

Teste Ricardo Sakevyle milite apud Westmonasterium vicesimo octavo die Novembris anno regni nostri sexto.

Duke.

Irrotulatur in Officio Willelmi Notte, Auditoris.

[The great seal (much broken) in yellow wax attached by a parchment thong.]

Terrier of Chantries and Old Fabric Lands assigned to Governors of Beverley for maintenance of Minster.

[From original roll in possession of Beverley Town Council]

Comitatus Eboracensis.

Cantaria S. Willelmi in ecclesia collegiata S. Johannis Beverlacensis in comitatu predicto, valet in—

	£	s.	d.
Redditibus et firmis diversorum terrarum et tenementorum cum suis pertinentiis dicte nuper cantarie pertinentium modo vel nuper in tenura Radulphi Clarvaux, pro termino annorum ut dicitur, solvendis ad festa Martini et Pentecoste equaliter per annum	7	4	0

	£	s.	d.
Cantaria S. Johannis Beverlacensis in ecclesia collegiata predicta, valet in—			
Redditibus et firmis diversorum terrarum et tenementorum cum pertinentiis suis universis eidem nuper cantarie pertinentium in separali tenura diversarum personarum, solvendis per annum ad festa predicta equaliter	7	18	4
Cantaria S. Katherine in ecclesia parochiali S. Marie de Beverleye valet in—			
Salario sive stipendio annuatim soluto per gardianos sive procuratores ecclesie parochialis S. Marie in Beverley Willelmo Cawood nuper cantariste dicte nuper cantarie ad festa Pasche S. Johannis Baptiste S. Michaelis Archangeli et Nativitatis Domini equaliter per annum . . .	4	13	4
Terre et possessiones spectantes et pertinentes Fabrice ecclesie collegiate S. Johannis Beverlacensis in comitatu predicto valent in—			
Libero redditu de diversis tenementis in Beverley scituatis ex boriali parte de Milbecke ibidem annuatim solutis per heredes de Pyvell ad festum S.M.A. tantum per annum		3	0
Annuatim soluto per nuper uxorem Johannis Garbray exeunte de uno clauso nuper empto de Edmundo Boyth jacente ex australi parte de Milbecke ibidem solvendo ad festum predictum tantum .			20
Exeunte de uno pomario in tenura Roberti Graye ibidem annuatim soluto per novem vicarios ecclesie collegiate ibidem per annum solvendo ad festum predictum			4
Exeunte de tenemento vulgariter vocato Bullocks house ibidem annuatim soluto per uxorem Johannis Garbraye ad festum predictum tantum . .			12
Exeunte de tenemento jacente ex australi parte de Milbecke ibidem aunuatim soluto per Ricardum Dalbye generosum eodem termino tantum . .			21
Exeunte de tenemento ibidem in tenura Willelmi Graye annuatim soluto per Robertum Graye generosum ad festum predictum			12
Exeunte de uno pomario jacente in Helgarth de Beverley nuper soluto per heredes de Beverley eodem termino per annum			7

	£	s.	d.
Exeunte de uno tenemento jacente in Flemyngate de Beverley nuper soluto per Willelmum Brodinge eisdem terminis per annum			10
Exeunte de tenemento ibidem in tenura Johannis Ellaies soluto per [blank] Rudston generosum e. t. per annum			12
Exeunte de pomario jacente prope Frerelane de Beverley annuatim soluto per Edmundum Bothe e. t.			6
Exeunte de tenemento jacente in Kelgate de Beverley in tenura Johannis Kytchyn annuatim soluto per Edwardum Rosse armigerum e. t. per annum			6
Annuatim soluto per Robertum Flea clericum rectorem de Leven exeunte de uno clauso ibidem solvendo e. t. per annum			12
Exeunte de tenemento ibidem in tenura Thome Smyth soluto per Willelmum Grymston generosum e. t. per annum			6
Exeunte de uno tenemento ibidem in tenura Ricardi Craven ac per ipsum soluto e. t. per annum			6
Annuatim soluto per nuper cantaristam nuper cantarie S. Petri in ecclesia collegiata S. Johannis Beverlacensis per annum			4
Annuatim soluto per incumbentem nuper cantarie S. Johannis Beverlacensis ibidem e. t. per annum			6
Exeunte de uno tenemento in Highgate de Beverley in tenura Johannis Frauncys annuatim soluto per Robertum Leeds e. t.			12
Annuatim soluto per novem vicarios dicte ecclesie collegiate solvendo per annum ad festum predictum tantum			12
Exeunte de tenemento scituato in Highgate de Beverley in tenura Hugonis Kyrfytt annuatim soluto per Nicholaum Rudston e. t. tantum			12
Annuatim soluto per nuper cantaristam nuper cantarie S. Johannis Baptiste alias Masindewe in ecclesia collegiata predicta e. t. per annum			20
Annuatim soluto per nuper cantaristam nuper cantarie S. Marie Virginis ad festum predictum tantum			12

	£	s.	d.
Exeunte de tenemento scituato in Fyssh-markett in tenura [blank] Bell annuatim soluto per Edmundum Boith e. t			6

Firma—

	£	s.	d.
Certi selionis jacentis prope Holmechurcheleyes in tenura Roberti Flea clerici soluta ad festa Petri ad vincula et Purificationem B.M.V. equaliter per annum		20	0
Unius clausi jacentis in Lortlane de Beverley nuper in tenura Nicholai Lamyre soluta ad festa predicta equaliter per annum . . .		18	0
Unius gardini ibidem in tenura dicti Nicholai soluta e. t. per annum equaliter . . .		2	0
Duorum cotagiorum in Estgate de Beverley in tenura dicti Nicholai per annum . . .		3	4
Unius tenementi scituati in Minstermoregate de Beverley in tenura Roberti Flea clerici soluta e. t. per annum		10	0
Unius tenementi scituati in Highegate ibidem in tenura Ricardi Ferrand de London mercatoris soluta e. t. per annum equaliter . . .		16	0
Duorum tenementorum ibidem modo vel nuper in tenura Nicholai Lamyre soluta ad festum Martini et Pentecoste equaliter		22	0
Unius tenementi ibidem vocati le Taborre in tenura dicti Nicholai Lamyre soluta e. t. per annum		50	0
Unius opelle in Highegate predicta in tenura dicti Nicholai soluta e. t. per annum . . .		6	0
Unius tenementi scituati in Crossegarthes de Beverley modo vel nuper in tenura Roberti Browne soluta e. t. per annum		20	0
Unius tenementi scituati ex boriali parte de Milbecke ibidem in tenura Gilberti Harryson soluta e. t. per annum equaliter		10	0
Unius domus edificate vocate A tylekylne in tofto scituato ibidem in tenura dicti Gilberti Harryson soluta e. t. equaliter . . .		13	4
Unius tenementi, unius pomarii et parvi clausi ibidem in tenura Christoferi Rowe soluta e. t. per annum equaliter		18	0

	£	s.	d.
Unius tenementi scituati in Flemmyngate ibidem in tenura Thome Swynnocke soluta e. t. per annum .		6	8
Unius tenementi, unius gardini et unius clausi ibidem in tenura Thome Bonfaye soluta e. t. per annum		13	4
Unius tenementi cum gardino ibidem in tenura Johannis Pesegrave soluta e. t. per annum . .		4	0
Unius tenementi cum gardino et crofto jacentis in Flemmyngate in tenura uxoris Applebye vidue e. t. per annum		6	0
Unius tenementi cum gardino ibidem in tenura Johannis Raley soluta e. t. per annum . .		6	8
Unius tenementi ibidem in tenura Ricardi Dowse soluta e. t. per annum		4	0
Unius tenementi cum gardino ibidem in tenura nuper uxoris Freston vidue soluta e. t. per annum .		10	0
Unius tenementi cum gardino in Flemyngate predicta in tenura Lawrencii Westobye soluta e. t. per annum		14	0
Unius tenementi cum gardino ibidem in tenura Ricardi Browne, ballivi preposituture predicte soluta e. t. per annum		13	4
Unius tenementi ibidem in tenura nuper uxoris Hall vidue soluta e t. per annum . . .		4	0
Unius gardini jacentis in Frerelane de Beverley predicta in tenura Henrici Tindall soluta ad festa predicta equaliter		12	0
Unius clausi ibidem in tenura Ricardi Donne soluta e. t. per annum		4	0
Unius tenementi in Estgate in Beverley in tenura Johannis Robinson fabri lignarii soluta e. t. per annum		6	0
Alius tenementi ibidem in tenura Dorothee Stapleton soluta e. t.		4	0
Unius cotagii ibidem in tenura uxoris Swayles soluta e. t.		3	4
Unius tenementi ibidem in tenura Thome Michell clerici soluta e. t.		12	0
Unius cotagii ibidem cum gardino in tenura Edwardi Smyth soluta e. t.		4	0
Unius cotagii scituati in Estgate predicta in tenura Ellicie Waineflete soluta e. t. per annum equaliter		4	0

	£	s.	d.
Unius tenementi cum gardino ibidem in tenura Ricardi Melton soluta ad festa predicta equaliter		8	0
Unius cotagii ibidem cum parvo gardino in tenura Henrici Gibson soluta e. t. per annum		4	0
Unius tenementi ibidem in tenura Hugonis Gryffen soluta e. t. per annum		10	0
Unius tenementi scituati in Kelgate de Beverley in tenura Isabelle Birde nuper uxoris Roberti Birde defuncti soluta e. t. per annum		5	4
Unius tenementi ibidem in tenura Johannis Buller soluta e. t. equaliter		5	0
Unius tenementi in Kelgate in tenura Margarete Dobson soluta e. t. per annum		3	0
Unius cotagii ibidem in tenura Willelmi Holme soluta e. t. per annum		3	0
Unius clausi cum pomario jacentis in Lortlane de Beverley predicta nuper in tenura Doctoris Clyfton soluta e. t. per annum equaliter		6	8
Unius cotagii in Kelgate predicta in tenura Alicie Bankes per annum		4	0
Unius tenementi cum gardino scituati in Kelgate predicta in tenura Thome Catton soluta e. t. per annum		16	0
Unius cotagii cum gardino ibidem in tenura dicti Thome Catton soluta e. t. equaliter		4	0
Unius tenementi scituati in Minstermoregate de Beverley predicta in tenura Willelmi Gossoppe soluta e. t. per annum		10	0
Unius cotagii ibidem nuper in tenura uxoris Fyssher per annum		3	4
Unius tenementi ibidem nuper in tenura uxoris Roberti Dove vidue soluta e. t. per annum		10	0
Unius tenementi in Minstermoregate predicta in tenura Thome Bell soluta e. t. per annum		6	8
Unius cotagii cum gardino ibidem in tenura Ricardi Bidfilde soluta e. t. per annum		4	0
Alterius cotagii cum gardino ibidem in tenura Matthei Gryne soluta e. t. equaliter		4	0
Unius tenementi scituati in Minstermoregate predicta in tenura Thome Byrde soluta e. t. per annum		8	0
Unius cotagii ibidem in tenura Agnetis Foxe vidue soluta e. t. equaliter		2	0

	£	s.	d.
Unius cotagii cum gardino ibidem in tenura uxoris Wilson soluta e. t. per annum equaliter		2	0
Unius tenementi cum gardino ibidem in tenura Thome Birde per annum		8	0
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Unius tenementi ibidem in tenura Roberti Skadlocke soluta e. t. per annum		6	8
Unius cotagii ibidem in tenura David Kennetie soluta e. t. per annum		3	0
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Unius cotagii ibidem in tenura Cicilie Bettrice soluta per annum		3	0
Unius cotagii ibidem in tenura Thome Hoode soluta e. t. per annum		3	0
Alius cotagii ibidem nuper in tenura uxoris Birde soluta e. t. per annum		2	0
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Unius tenementi cum gardino ibidem in tenura Johannis Hood soluta e. t. per annum		10	0
Unius tenementi cum gardino scituati in Highgate de Beverley in tenura Roland de Hitefilde soluta e. t per annum equaliter		12	0
Unius tenementi scituati in Highgate predicta in tenura nuper uxoris Prior soluta e. t. per annum		6	8
Unius tenementi ibidem in tenura Ricardi Hogge soluta e. t. per annum		40	0

	£	s.	d.
Unius tenementi ibidem in tenura nuper relicte Roberti Nendike vidue, etc.		16	0
Unius cotagii scituati in Highgate predicta in tenura nuper relicte [blank] Thomson, etc.		2	0
Unius tenementi ibidem in tenura Willelmi Smyth, etc.		6	0
Alius tenementi ibidem in tenura Ricardi Nendike, etc.		12	0
Alius tenementi ibidem in tenura Ricardi Wadson, etc.		6	8
Alius tenementi ibidem in tenura Roberti Mathewe, etc.		13	4
Alius tenementi ibidem in tenura Ricardi Nendike, etc.		13	4
Unius tenementi cum gardino et tofto scituati in Crosgarthes de Beverley in tenura Johannis Thomson, etc.		13	4
Unius tenementi scituati in le Cornemarkett de Beverley in tenura Roberti Porter, etc.		20	0
Alterius tenementi ibidem in tenura Johannis Benson, etc.		16	0
Unius tenementi scituati in Woodlane de Beverley in tenura nuper relicte Rede, etc.		6	0
Unius tenementi scituati in Kirkelane de Beverley in tenura relicte Mosse, etc.		2	0
Unius tenementi ibidem in tenura Margarete Walker, vidue, etc.		2	0
Alius tenementi ibidem in tenura Margarete Creyke, vidue, etc		2	0
Unius tenementi ibidem in tenura Lawrencii Wilkynson, etc.		10	0
Alius tenementi ibidem in tenura Roberti Bucke, etc.		10	0
Alius tenementi ibidem in tenura Thome Drye, etc.		21	0
Duarum selionum jacentium prope terram [blank] Cutt generosi extra le Northbarre de Beverley in tenura Johannis Thriske, etc.			12
Unius tenementi scituati extra le Northbarre predictum in tenura Johannis Spence, etc.		26	8
Unius cubiculi scituati prope cemiterium nuper ecclesie collegiate S. Johannis Beverlacensis in			

	£	s.	d.
Alterius cubiculi ibidem in tenura Edmundi Hodgeson clerici, etc.		5	0
Alius cubiculi ibidem in tenura Johannis Thirland, etc.		5	0
Alius cubiculi ibidem in tenura Thome Sothron clerici, etc.		5	0
Alius cubiculi ibidem in tenura Anthonii Colson clerici, etc.		5	0
Alius cubiculi ibidem in tenura Thome Saundes, etc.		5	0
Unius cubiculi ibidem in tenura Georgii Morsell clerici, etc.			20
Alius cubiculi ibidem in tenura Galfridi Geffraison, etc.			12
Cujusdam parcelle terre jacentis et existentis in Etton vocate Farthingflatt in tenura [blank], etc.		40	0
	£44	3	6

Reprise in Feodis Ballivi et collectoris reddituum et firmarum dicte fabrice pertinentium per annum		53	4
Redditu resoluto domine Regine ut in jure manerii sui de Beverley, nuper parcelle possessionum Archiepiscopi Eboracensis, excambiati, per annum		23	0
Redditu resoluto Collectori Domine Regine ut in jure nuper possessionum pertinentium 9 vicariis in ecclesia predicta		7	0
Redditu resoluto heredibus Roberti Leeds exeunte de premissis per annum		5	0
Allocatione reddituum diversorum cotagiorum et tenementorum predictorum in decasu existentium ibidem		103	9
Allocatione liberorum reddituum exeuntium de diversis nuper cantariis subsequentibus, viz.: Cantaria S. Petri in ecclesia collegiata predicta 4d.; nuper cantaria S. Johannis Beverlacensis 6d.; 9 vicariis ibidem 12d.; cantaria S. Johannis Baptiste 20d.; cantaria B. M. V. 12d.		4	6
In toto ad 4s. 6d. per annum, eo quod dicti redditus extinguuntur ratione unionis possessionum, etc.	9	16	7

Et remanent, £34 6s. 11d.

Summa totalis clari valoris omnium terrarum et tenementorum predictorum superius assignatorum per decretum pro manutenentia fabrice ecclesie collegiate Beverlacensis	£54 2^s 7^d	Cantaria S. Willelmi	£7	4	0
		Cantaria S. Johannis Beverlacensis .	7	18	4
		Cantaria S. Katherine	4	13	4
		Terre spectantes dicte fabrice de antiquo . .	34	6	11

The rents yssues and profytts of the said lands and tenements were gyven and assygnyd by the late Kinge Edwarde the syxte to the xii Governors of Beverley and theire successors to be ymployed for the mayntenance and reparacione of the late collegiate churche there as by a decree bearinge date the 12th daye of November in the syxte yeare of his late reigne playnely appeareth, which churche ys a very large and goodly monument, and without greate coste and chardges cannot be maynteynyd and kepte.

The Quenes majestie ys to be dyschardgyd of all rents resolute and other payments goynge out of the premysses.

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